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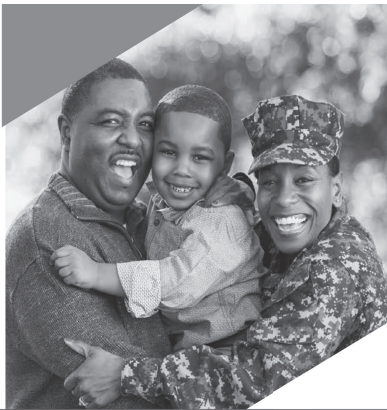


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FAIR EMPLOYMENT

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Applicants to and employees of private employers with 6 or more employees*, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B from discrimination on the following basis:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, DISABILITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, PREGNANCY AND PREGNANCY-RELATED CONDITIONS, GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, ANCESTRY, MILITARY SERVICE

M.G.L. c. 151B protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, benefits, training, classification and other aspects of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, national origin (including unlawful language proficiency requirements), age (if you are 40 years old or older), sex, pregnancy or a condition related to pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, ancestry, and military service. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship.

HARASSMENT
Sexual harassment includes sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for employment decisions; (b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment. **The law also prohibits harassment based on the protected classes set forth above.**

PREGNANCY
The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of pregnancy and pregnancy related conditions, such as lactation or the need to express breast milk for a nursing child, and describes employers' obligations to employees that are pregnant or lactating.

PARENTAL LEAVE
The law requires employers to grant an employee who has completed an initial probationary period and has given two (2) weeks' notice of the anticipated date of departure and the employee's intention to return, at least eight (8) weeks of paid or unpaid leave for the purpose of childbirth, adoption of a child under 18, or adoption of a child under 23 years old if the child has a mental or physical disability.

DISABILITY
M.G.L. c. 151B prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, a record of disability or perceived disability, in hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, benefits, training, classification and other aspects of employment.

Disability discrimination may include failing to reasonably accommodate an otherwise qualified person with a disability.

RETALIATION
It is illegal to retaliate against any person because they have opposed any discriminatory practices or because they have filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding before the Commission. It is also illegal to aid, abet, incite, compel, or coerce any act forbidden under M.G.L. c. 151B, or attempt to do so.

DOMESTIC WORKERS
M.G.L. c. 151B prohibits discrimination and harassment against certain domestic workers where the employer has one (1) or more employees.* While some exclusions apply, domestic workers generally include individuals paid to perform work of a domestic nature within a household on a regular basis, such as housekeeping, housecleaning, nanny services, and/or caretaking. Employees are prohibited from engaging in sexual harassment and harassment and/or discrimination based on the protected classes described above, i.e. race, color, etc. Domestic workers are also entitled to parental leave.

CRIMINAL HISTORY INQUIRIES
The law prohibits employers from asking applicants on an initial employment application for any criminal background information unless an exemption by statute or regulation exists.

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY ADMISSION INQUIRIES
Employers may not refuse to hire or terminate an employee for failing to furnish information regarding their admission to a facility for the treatment and treatment of mentally ill persons. An employment application may not seek information about an applicant's admission to such a facility.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST
If you feel you have been harassed or discriminated against, you should immediately file a charge of discrimination with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (mass.gov/MCAD) at one of the offices below. **An agreement with your employer to arbitrate your discrimination claim(s) does not bar you from filing a charge of discrimination.**

EARNED SICK TIME

EARNED SICK TIME Notice of Employee Rights

Who Qualifies?

All employees in Massachusetts can earn sick time. This includes full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees.

How is it Earned?

- Employees earn 1 hour of sick time for every 30 hours they work.
- Employees can earn and use up to **40 hours per year**.
- Employees with unused earned sick time at the end of the year can rollover up to 40 hours.
- Employees begin earning sick time on their first day of work and may begin using earned sick time after 90 days.

Can an Employer Have A Different Policy?

Yes. Employers may have their own sick leave or paid time off policy, so long as employees can use at least the same amount of time, for the same reasons, and with the same job protections as under the Earned Sick Time Law.

Job Protection

- An employee must not be disciplined, penalized, or retaliated against for exercising their rights under the law.
- For example, employees may not assign disciplinary points for covered agencies, take work hours away from an employee for calling out, or fire an employee to asserting sick leave rights.

Will it Be Paid?

- If an employer has 11 or more employees, sick time must be paid.
- For employers with fewer than 11 employees, sick time may be unpaid.
- Paid sick time must be paid on the same schedule and at the same rate as regular wages.

When Can it be Used?

- An employee can use sick time when the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or spouse's parent is sick, injured, or has a routine medical appointment. It can be used to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or their child. An employee can use sick time after pregnancy loss or failed assisted reproduction, adoption, or surrogacy.
- Employees may be required to use at least one hour of sick time when absent for part of a shift.
- Using sick time for other purposes is not allowed and may result in an employee being disciplined.

Notice and Verification

- Employees must notify their employer before they use sick time, except in an emergency.
- Employers may decide how the employees notify the employer of an absence.
- An employer generally may not require a doctor's note unless the employee is absent more than 3 days in a row or uses sick time during their last two weeks of employment.

Do You Have Questions?

Call the Fair Labor Division at 617-727-3465

Visit www.mass.gov/ago/earnedsicktime



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
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The Attorney General enforces the Earned Sick Time Law and regulations. It is unlawful to violate any provision of the Earned Sick Time Law. Violations of any provision of the Earned Sick Time Law, M.G.L. c. 149, § 18C, or these regulations, shall constitute a civil offense under the provisions of chapters 149C, 149D, 149E, 149F, 149G, 149H, 149I, 149J, 149K, 149L, 149M, 149N, 149O, 149P, 149Q, 149R, 149S, 149T, 149U, 149V, 149W, 149X, 149Y, 149Z, 150A, 150B, 150C, 150D, 150E, 150F, 150G, 150H, 150I, 150J, 150K, 150L, 150M, 150N, 150O, 150P, 150Q, 150R, 150S, 150T, 150U, 150V, 150W, 150X, 150Y, 150Z, 151A, 151B, 151C, 151D, 151E, 151F, 151G, 151H, 151I, 151J, 151K, 151L, 151M, 151N, 151O, 151P, 151Q, 151R, 151S, 151T, 151U, 151V, 151W, 151X, 151Y, 151Z, 152A, 152B, 152C, 152D, 152E, 152F, 152G, 152H, 152I, 152J, 152K, 152L, 152M, 152N, 152O, 152P, 152Q, 152R, 152S, 152T, 152U, 152V, 152W, 152X, 152Y, 152Z, 153A, 153B, 153C, 153D, 153E, 153F, 153G, 153H, 153I, 153J, 153K, 153L, 153M, 153N, 153O, 153P, 153Q, 153R, 153S, 153T, 153U, 153V, 153W, 153X, 153Y, 153Z, 154A, 154B, 154C, 154D, 154E, 154F, 154G, 154H, 154I, 154J, 154K, 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