EQUAL PAY LAW

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

Must be Posted in a Conspicuous Place in Every Pennsylvania Business Governed by the Equal Pay Law

Department of Labor
& Industry Bureau of
Labor Law Compliance

ABSTRACT OF THE EQUAL PAY LAW

Discrimination on Basis of Sex Prohibited Prohibits discrimination by any employer in any place of employment between employees on the basis of sex, by paying wages to any employee at a rate less than the rate paid to employees of the opposite sex for work under equal conditions on jobs which require equal skills. Provides that variation in payment of wages is not prohibited when based on a seniority, training or merit increase system that does not discriminate on the basis of sex.

Administration Empowers the Secretary of Labor & Industry to administer the provisions of the act, and to issue rules and regulations to make effective the provisions of the act.

Collection of Unpaid Wages in Case of Discrimination Provides for the collection of unpaid wages due under the act and in addition, an equal amount of liquidated damages and reasonable attorney's fee and costs. Authorizes the Secretary of Labor & Industry and upon an employee's request, to take assignment of such a wage claim for collection. Limits the period for such action to two years from the date upon which the violation occurs.

Records Required Requires employer to keep and maintain records of wages, wage rates, job classifications and other terms and conditions of employment of the persons employed, as the Secretary of Labor & Industry shall prescribe. Requires that employers post an abstract of the law.

Penalties Provides for a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $200, or imprisonment of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days, for:

(1) employer who wilfully and knowingly violates provisions of the act, or discharges or otherwise discriminates against an employee who makes a complaint, institutes, or testifies at, proceedings under the act; and

(2) employer who fails to keep required records, falsifies such records, hinders, delays, or otherwise interferes with the Secretary or his authorized representative in the performance of his duties in the enforcement of the act. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

More Information is Available Online

Additional information about the Equal Pay Law is available online at: www.state.pa.us, PA Keyword: labor & industry. Click on "Labor Law Compliance" under Quick Links. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

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