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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry Finance and Policy

02/26/2024 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended

Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

relating to employees; modifying earned sick and safe time; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 177.27, subdivision 4;

1.4 177.50, by adding subdivisions; 181.032; 181.9445, subdivisions 4, 5; 181.9446;

1.5 181.9447, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 10, 11; 181.9448, subdivisions 1, 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 177.27, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Compliance orders. The commissioner may issue an order requiring an employer to comply with sections 177.21 to 177.435, 177.50, 179.86, 181.02, 181.03, 181.031, 181.032, 181.101, 181.11, 181.13, 181.14, 181.145, 181.15, 181.165, 181.172, paragraph (a) or (d), 181.214 to 181.217, 181.275, subdivision 2a, 181.635, 181.722, 181.79, 181.85 to 181.89, 181.939 to 181.943, 181.9445 to 181.9448, 181.987, 181.991, 268B.09, subdivisions 1 to 6, and 268B.14, subdivision 3, with any rule promulgated under section 177.28, 181.213, or 181.215. The commissioner shall issue an order requiring an employer to comply with sections 177.41 to 177.435, 181.165, or 181.987 if the violation is repeated. For purposes of this subdivision only, a violation is repeated if at any time during the two years that preceded the date of violation, the commissioner issued an order to the employer for violation of sections 177.41 to 177.435, 181.165, or 181.987 and the order is final or the commissioner and the employer have entered into a settlement agreement that required the employer to pay back wages that were required by sections 177.41 to 177.435. The department shall serve the order upon the employer or the employer's authorized representative in person or by certified mail at the employer's place of business. An employer who wishes to contest the order must file written notice of objection to the order with the

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commissioner within 15 calendar days	after being serve	d with the order. A c	ontested case
proceeding must then be held in accord	dance with section	ns 14.57 to 14.69 or	181.165. If,
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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Sup	plement, section 1	177.50, is amended b	y adding a
subdivision to read:	•		
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Subd. 6. Rulemaking authority. T			arry out the
purposes of this section and sections 1	81.9445 to 181.94	<u>148.</u>	
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section	is effective the da	ay following final en	actment.
Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Sup	plement, section 1	177.50, is amended b	y adding a
subdivision to read:			
Subd. 7. Remedies. (a) If an emplo	yer does not prov	ride earned sick and	safe time
pursuant to section 181.9446, or does no	ot allow the use of	earned sick and safe	time pursuant
to section 181.9447, the employer is lie	able to all employ	ees who were not pr	ovided or not
allowed to use earned sick and safe tim	ne for an amount	equal to all earned si	ck and safe
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(b) If the employer does not possess	s records sufficier	nt to determine the ea	arned sick and
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Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Sup	nlement section 1	181.032 is amended	to read:
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statement, either in writing or by electronic means, covering that pay period. An employer 2.31

181.032 REQUIRED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS BY EMPLOYER; NOTICE

(a) At the end of each pay period, the employer shall provide each employee an earnings

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3.1	who chooses to provide an earnings statement by electronic means must provide employee
3.2	access to an employer-owned computer during an employee's regular working hours to
3.3	review and print earnings statements, and must make statements available for review or
3.4	printing for a period of three years.
3.5	(b) The earnings statement may be in any form determined by the employer but must
3.6	include:
3.7	(1) the name of the employee;
3.8	(2) the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, including whether the employee is paid by
3.9	hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other method;
3.10	(3) allowances, if any, claimed pursuant to permitted meals and lodging;
3.11	(4) the total number of hours worked by the employee unless exempt from chapter 177;
3.12	(5) the total number of earned sick and safe time hours accrued and available for use
3.13	under section 181.9446;
3.14	(6) the total number of earned sick and safe time hours used during the pay period under
3.15	section 181.9447;
3.16	(7) (5) the total amount of gross pay earned by the employee during that period;
3.17	(8) (6) a list of deductions made from the employee's pay;
3.18	(9) (7) any amount deducted by the employer under section 268B.14, subdivision 3, and
3.19	the amount paid by the employer based on the employee's wages under section 268B.14,
3.20	subdivision 1;
3.21	(10) (8) the net amount of pay after all deductions are made;
3.22	(11) (9) the date on which the pay period ends;
3.23	(12) (10) the legal name of the employer and the operating name of the employer if
3.24	different from the legal name;
3.25	(13) (11) the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business,
3.26	and a mailing address if different; and
3.27	(14) $(12)$ the telephone number of the employer.
3.28	(c) An employer must provide earnings statements to an employee in writing, rather
3.29	than by electronic means, if the employer has received at least 24 hours notice from an
3.30	employee that the employee would like to receive earnings statements in written form. Once

an employer has received notice from an employee that the employee would like to receive

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- employee acknowledging receipt of the notice. The notice must be provided to each employee in English. The English version of the notice must include text provided by the commissioner that informs employees that they may request, by indicating on the form, the notice be provided in a particular language. If requested, the employer shall provide the notice in the language requested by the employee. The commissioner shall make available to employers the text to be included in the English version of the notice required by this section and assist employers with translation of the notice in the languages requested by their employees.
- (f) An employer must provide the employee any written changes to the information contained in the notice under paragraph (d) prior to the date the changes take effect.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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5.1	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Su	applement, section 181	.9445, subdivisio	on 4, is amended		
5.2	to read:					
5.3	Subd. 4. Earned sick and safe ti	me. "Earned sick and s	safe time" means	leave, including		
5.4	paid time off and other paid leave sys	stems, that is paid at the	same hourly rate	as an employee		
5.5	earns from employment employee's	regular rate of pay that	at may be used fo	r the same		
5.6	purposes and under the same conditions as provided under section 181.9447, but in no case					
5.7	shall this hourly rate be less than the	at provided under sect	ion 177.24 or an	applicable local		
5.8	minimum wage.					
5.9	EFFECTIVE DATE. This sect	ion is effective the day	following final	enactment.		
5.10	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Su	applement, section 181	.9445, subdivisio	on 5, is amended		
5.11	to read:					
5.12	Subd. 5. Employee. "Employee"	' means any person w	ho is employed b	y an employer,		
5.13	including temporary and part-time e	mployees, who <del>perfor</del> i	<del>ns</del> is anticipated l	by the employer		
5.14	to perform work for at least 80 hour	rs in a year for that em	ployer in Minnes	ota. Employee		
5.15	does not include:					
5.16	(1) an independent contractor; o	f <u>.</u>				
5.17	(2) an individual employed by ar	air carrier as a flight o	<del>leck or cabin cre</del> v	<del>v member who:</del>		
5.18	(i) is subject to United States Co	ode, title 45, sections 1	<del>81 to 188;</del>			
5.19	(ii) works less than a majority of	f their hours in Minnes	sota in a calendar	year; and		
5.20	(iii) is provided with paid leave	equal to or exceeding t	the amounts in se	ction 181.9446.		
5.21	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This sect	ion is effective the day	following final	enactment.		
5.22	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2023 S	upplement, section 18	1.9446, is amend	led to read:		
5.23	181.9446 ACCRUAL OF EAR	NED SICK AND SA	FE TIME.			
5.24	(a) An employee accrues a minir	num of one hour of ea	rned sick and safe	e time for every		
5.25	30 hours worked up to a maximum	of 48 hours of earned	sick and safe tim	e in a year.		

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over accrued but unused sick and safe time into the following year. The total amount of 5.29

Employees may not accrue more than 48 hours of earned sick and safe time in a year unless

(b)(1) Except as provided in clause (2), employers must permit an employee to carry

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accrued but unused earned sick and safe time for an employee must not exceed 80 hours at any time, unless an employer agrees to a higher amount.

- (2) In lieu of permitting the carryover of accrued but unused sick and safe time into the following year as provided under clause (1), an employer may provide an employee with earned sick and safe time for the year that meets or exceeds the requirements of this section that is available for the employee's immediate use at the beginning of the subsequent year as follows: (i) 48 hours, if an employer pays an employee for accrued but unused sick and safe time at the end of a year at the same hourly rate as an employee earns from employment employee's regular rate of pay and in no case at a rate less than that provided under section 177.24 or an applicable local minimum wage; or (ii) 80 hours, if an employer does not pay an employee for accrued but unused sick and safe time at the end of a year at the same or greater hourly rate as an employee earns from employment. In no ease shall this hourly rate be less than that provided under section 177.24, or an applicable local minimum wage.
- (c) Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under United States Code, title 29, section 213(a)(1), as amended through January 1, 2024, are deemed to work 40 hours in each workweek for purposes of accruing earned sick and safe time, except that an employee whose normal workweek is less than 40 hours will accrue earned sick and safe time based on the normal workweek.
- (d) Earned sick and safe time under this section begins to accrue at the commencement of employment of the employee.
- (e) Employees may use earned sick and safe time as it is accrued.
- 6.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.9447, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 6.24 Subdivision 1. **Eligible use.** An employee may use accrued earned sick and safe time for:
- 6.26 (1) an employee's:
- 6.27 (i) mental or physical illness, injury, or other health condition;
- 6.28 (ii) need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, 6.29 or health condition; <del>or</del>
  - (iii) need for preventive medical or health care; or
- 6.31 (iv) need to make arrangements for or attend funeral services or a memorial, or address 6.32 financial or legal matters that arise after the death of a family member;

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- (i) with a mental or physical illness, injury, or other health condition;
- 7.3 (ii) who needs medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, 7.4 injury, or other health condition; or
  - (iii) who needs preventive medical or health care;
  - (3) absence due to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking of the employee or employee's family member, provided the absence is to:
- 7.8 (i) seek medical attention related to physical or psychological injury or disability caused 7.9 by domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking;
  - (ii) obtain services from a victim services organization;
  - (iii) obtain psychological or other counseling;
- 7.12 (iv) seek relocation or take steps to secure an existing home due to domestic abuse, 7.13 sexual assault, or stalking; or
  - (v) seek legal advice or take legal action, including preparing for or participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or resulting from domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking;
  - (4) closure of the employee's place of business due to weather or other public emergency or an employee's need to care for a family member whose school or place of care has been closed due to weather or other public emergency;
  - (5) the employee's inability to work or telework because the employee is: (i) prohibited from working by the employer due to health concerns related to the potential transmission of a communicable illness related to a public emergency; or (ii) seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic test for, or a medical diagnosis of, a communicable disease related to a public emergency and such employee has been exposed to a communicable disease or the employee's employer has requested a test or diagnosis; and
  - (6) when it has been determined by the health authorities having jurisdiction or by a health care professional that the presence of the employee or family member of the employee in the community would jeopardize the health of others because of the exposure of the employee or family member of the employee to a communicable disease, whether or not the employee or family member has actually contracted the communicable disease.
  - For the purposes of this subdivision, a public emergency shall include a declared emergency as defined in section 12.03 or a declared local emergency under section 12.29.

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- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.9447, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
  - Subd. 3. **Documentation.** (a) When an employee uses earned sick and safe time for more than three consecutive <u>scheduled work</u> days, an employer may require reasonable documentation that the earned sick and safe time is covered by subdivision 1.
  - (b) For earned sick and safe time under subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (5), and (6), reasonable documentation may include a signed statement by a health care professional indicating the need for use of earned sick and safe time. However, if the employee or employee's family member did not receive services from a health care professional, or if documentation cannot be obtained from a health care professional in a reasonable time or without added expense, then reasonable documentation for the purposes of this paragraph may include a written statement from the employee indicating that the employee is using or used earned sick and safe time for a qualifying purpose covered by subdivision 1, clause (1), (2), (5), or (6).
  - (c) For earned sick and safe time under subdivision 1, clause (3), an employer must accept a court record or documentation signed by a volunteer or employee of a victims services organization, an attorney, a police officer, or an antiviolence counselor as reasonable documentation. If documentation cannot be obtained in a reasonable time or without added expense, then reasonable documentation for the purposes of this paragraph may include a written statement from the employee indicating that the employee is using or used earned sick and safe time for a qualifying purpose covered under subdivision 1, clause (3).
  - (d) For earned sick and safe time to care for a family member under subdivision 1, clause (4), an employer must accept as reasonable documentation a written statement from the employee indicating that the employee is using or used earned sick and safe time for a qualifying purpose as reasonable documentation.
  - (e) An employer must not require disclosure of details relating to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking or the details of an employee's or an employee's family member's medical condition as related to an employee's request to use earned sick and safe time under this section.
  - (f) Written statements by an employee may be written in the employee's first language and need not be notarized or in any particular format.
    - **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2023 S	Supplement, section 18	1.9447, subdivisio	n 5, is amended
to read:			
Subd. 5. Increment of time used	d. Earned sick and safe	e time may be used	in the smallest
increment of time tracked by the em	<del>ployer's payroll syster</del>	m, provided such ir	nerement is not
more than four hours same increme	nt of time for which e	mployees are paid	, provided an
employer is not required to provide	leave in less than 15-	minute increments	nor can the
employer require use of earned sick	and safe time in mor	e than four-hour in	crements.
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Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2023 St	upplement, section 181	.9447, subdivision	10, is amended
to read:			
Subd. 10. Employer records an	ıd required statemen	nt to employees. (a	ı) Employers
shall retain accurate records docume	enting hours worked b	y employees and e	arned sick and
safe time taken and comply with all	requirements under s	section 177.30.	
(b) At the end of each pay period	, the employer shall pr	ovide, in writing or	· electronically,
information stating the employee's	current amount of:		
(1) the total number of earned si	ck and safe time hour	s available to the e	employee for
use under section 181.9446; and			
(2) the total number of earned sign	ck and safe time hours	used during the pa	y period under
section 181.9447.			
Employers may choose a reason	able system for provi	ding this informati	on, including
but not limited to listing information	n on or attached to each	ch earnings statem	ent or an
electronic system where employees	can access this inform	nation. An employe	er who chooses
to provide this information by electrons	ronic means must pro	vide employee acc	ess to an
employer-owned computer during a	n employee's regular v	vorking hours to re	view and print.

(b) (c) An employer must allow an employee to inspect records required by this section

(e) All records required to be kept under this section must be readily available for

inspection by the commissioner upon demand. The records must be either kept at the place

where employees are working or kept in a manner that allows the employer to comply with

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and relating to that employee at a reasonable time and place.

(d) The records required by this section must be kept for three years.

10.1	Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.9447, subdivision 11, is amended
10.2	to read:
10.3	Subd. 11. Confidentiality and nondisclosure. (a) If, in conjunction with this section,
10.4	an employer possesses:
10.5	(1) health or medical information regarding an employee or an employee's family
10.6	member;
10.7	(2) information pertaining to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking;
10.8	(3) information that the employee has requested or obtained leave under this section; or
10.9	(4) any written or oral statement, documentation, record, or corroborating evidence
10.10	provided by the employee or an employee's family member, the employer must treat such
10.11	information as confidential.
10.12	Information given by an employee may only be disclosed by an employer if the disclosure
10.13	is requested or consented to by the employee, when ordered by a court or administrative
10.14	agency, or when otherwise required by federal or state law.
10.15	(b) Records and documents relating to medical certifications, recertifications, or medical
10.16	histories of employees or family members of employees created for purposes of section
10.17	177.50 or sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 must be maintained as confidential medical records
10.18	separate from the usual personnel files. At the request of the employee, the employer must
10.19	destroy or return the records required by sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 that are older than
10.20	three years prior to the current calendar year, unless state or federal law, rule, or regulation
10.21	requires the employer to retain such records.
10.22	(c) Employers may not discriminate against any employee based on records created for
10.23	the purposes of section 177.50 or sections 181.9445 to 181.9448.
10.24	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective the day following final enactment.
10.25	Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.9448, subdivision 1, is amended
10.26	to read:
10.27	Subdivision 1. No effect on more generous sick and safe time policies. (a) Nothing
10.28	in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 shall be construed to discourage employers from adopting
10.29	or retaining earned sick and safe time policies that meet or exceed, and do not otherwise
10.30	conflict with, the minimum standards and requirements provided in sections 181.9445 to
10.31	181.9448, provided that all time provided to an employee by an employer for absences from

work due to personal illness or injury, but not including short-term or long-term disability

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or other salary continuation benefits, meet or exceed the minimum standards and requirements provided in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448.

- (b) Nothing in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 shall be construed to limit the right of parties to a collective bargaining agreement to bargain and agree with respect to earned sick and safe time policies or to diminish the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective bargaining agreement, or any employment benefit program or plan that meets or exceeds, and does not otherwise conflict with, the minimum standards and requirements provided in this section.
- (c) Nothing in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 shall be construed to preempt, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, requirement, policy, or standard that provides for a greater amount, accrual, or use by employees of paid sick and safe time or that extends other protections to employees.
- (d) Nothing in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 shall be construed or applied so as to create any power or duty in conflict with federal law.
- (e) Employers who provide earned sick and safe time to their employees under a paid time off policy or other paid leave policy that may be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as earned sick and safe time, and that meets or exceeds, and does not otherwise conflict with, the minimum standards and requirements provided in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 are not required to provide additional earned sick and safe time.
- (f) The provisions of sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 may be waived by a collective bargaining agreement with a bona fide building and construction trades labor organization that has established itself as the collective bargaining representative for the affected building and construction industry employees, provided that for such waiver to be valid, it shall explicitly reference sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 and clearly and unambiguously waive application of those sections to such employees.
- (g) An individual provider, as defined in section 256B.0711, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), who provides services through a consumer support grant under section 256.476, consumer-directed community supports under section 256B.4911, or community first services and supports under section 256B.85, to a family member who is a participant, as defined in section 256B.0711, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), may individually waive the provisions of sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 for the remainder of the participant's service plan year, provided that the funds are returned to the participant's budget. Once an individual provider has waived the provisions of sections 181.9445 to 181.9448, they may not accrue earned sick and safe time until the start of the participant's next service plan year.

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(g) (h) Sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 do not prohibit an employer from establishing a
policy whereby employees may donate unused accrued sick and safe time to another
employee.

(h) (i) Sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 do not prohibit an employer from advancing sick and safe time to an employee before accrual by the employee.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.9448, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Termination; separation; transfer.** Sections 181.9445 to 181.9448 do not require financial or other reimbursement to an employee from an employer upon the employee's termination, resignation, retirement, or other separation from employment for accrued earned sick and safe time that has not been used. If an employee is transferred to a separate division, entity, or location, but remains employed by the same employer, the employee is entitled to all earned sick and safe time accrued at the prior division, entity, or location and is entitled to use all earned sick and safe time as provided in sections 181.9445 to 181.9448. When there is a separation from employment and the employee is rehired within 180 days of separation by the same employer, previously accrued earned sick and safe time that had not been used or otherwise disbursed to the benefit of the employee upon separation must be reinstated. An employee is entitled to use accrued earned sick and safe time and accrue additional earned sick and safe time at the commencement of reemployment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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