

SENATE BILL NO. 232—SENATORS SEGERBLOM, MANENDO,
CANCELA, PARKS; AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Enacts the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights.
(BDR 53-887)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to domestic workers; enacting the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights; providing for the mandatory payment of wages and, under certain circumstances, overtime wages for certain hours worked, limitations on deductions for food and lodging, rest breaks and days off; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that employees must be paid a minimum wage and must
2 be paid overtime for certain hours. (NRS 608.018, 608.250; Nev. Const. Art. 15, §
3 16) **Section 6** of this bill enacts the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights. **Section 6**
4 defines a “domestic worker” to mean a natural person who is paid by an employer
5 to perform work of a domestic nature and requires that an employer of a domestic
6 worker supply the domestic worker with certain written documentation of the
7 conditions of his or her employment and his or her rights under the law. **Section 6**
8 also requires that a domestic worker be compensated for all hours during which he
9 or she is required to be on duty and is required to remain in the employer’s
10 household, except under certain circumstances in which the domestic worker is
11 employed at a residential facility for a group of certain persons who require
12 supervision, care or other assistance. **Section 6** requires that a domestic worker who
13 is paid less than one and one-half times the minimum hourly wage must be paid
14 overtime wages under certain circumstances. **Section 6** further requires that a
15 domestic worker be allowed at least 1 day off per week and 2 consecutive days off
16 at least once per month. **Section 6** also prohibits an employer from limiting or
17 monitoring a domestic worker’s private communications or taking or holding such



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18 a worker's personal documents. **Section 1** of this bill sets limits on the amount an
19 employer may deduct from a worker's pay for lodging provided by the employer.
20 **Section 2** of this bill revises the amounts an employer may deduct from a worker's
21 pay for meals. Existing law provides that children under the age of 16 years
22 employed in domestic service, farm labor or motion picture performances are
23 exempt from limitations on working hours. (NRS 609.240) **Section 3** of this bill
24 deletes the exemption for children employed in domestic service.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 608 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. A part of wages or compensation may, if mutually agreed*
4 *upon by an employee and employer in the contract of employment,*
5 *consist of lodging. In no case may the value of the lodging be*
6 *computed at more than five times the statutory minimum hourly*
7 *wage for each week that lodging is provided to the employee.*

8 *2. The monetary limitations on the value of lodging specified*
9 *in subsection 1 do not apply to agricultural employees.*

10 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 608.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 608.018 1. An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee's
12 regular wage rate whenever an employee who receives
13 compensation for employment at a rate less than 1 1/2 times the
14 minimum rate prescribed pursuant to NRS 608.250 works:

15 (a) More than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work; or

16 (b) More than 8 hours in any workday unless by mutual
17 agreement the employee works a scheduled 10 hours per day for 4
18 calendar days within any scheduled week of work.

19 2. An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee's regular
20 wage rate whenever an employee who receives compensation for
21 employment at a rate not less than 1 1/2 times the minimum rate
22 prescribed pursuant to NRS 608.250 works more than 40 hours in
23 any scheduled week of work.

24 3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to:

25 (a) ~~Employees~~ *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph*
26 *(o), employees* who are not covered by the minimum wage
27 provisions of NRS 608.250;

28 (b) Outside buyers;

29 (c) Employees in a retail or service business if their regular rate
30 is more than 1 1/2 times the minimum wage, and more than half
31 their compensation for a representative period comes from
32 commissions on goods or services, with the representative period
33 being, to the extent allowed pursuant to federal law, not less than 1
34 month;



- 1 (d) Employees who are employed in bona fide executive,
- 2 administrative or professional capacities;
- 3 (e) Employees covered by collective bargaining agreements
- 4 which provide otherwise for overtime;
- 5 (f) Drivers, drivers' helpers, loaders and mechanics for motor
- 6 carriers subject to the Motor Carrier Act of 1935, as amended;
- 7 (g) Employees of a railroad;
- 8 (h) Employees of a carrier by air;
- 9 (i) Drivers or drivers' helpers making local deliveries and paid
- 10 on a trip-rate basis or other delivery payment plan;
- 11 (j) Drivers of taxicabs or limousines;
- 12 (k) Agricultural employees;
- 13 (l) Employees of business enterprises having a gross sales
- 14 volume of less than \$250,000 per year;
- 15 (m) Any salesperson or mechanic primarily engaged in selling
- 16 or servicing automobiles, trucks or farm equipment; ~~and~~
- 17 (n) A mechanic or worker for any hours to which the provisions
- 18 of subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 338.020 apply ~~+~~; and

19 *(o) A domestic worker who resides in the household where he*
20 *or she works if the domestic worker and his or her employer agree*
21 *in writing to exempt the domestic worker from the requirements of*
22 *subsections 1 and 2.*

23 *4. As used in this section, "domestic worker" has the*
24 *meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.*

25 **Sec. 2.** NRS 608.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 608.155 1. A part of wages or compensation may, if mutually
27 agreed upon by an employee and employer in the contract of
28 employment, consist of meals. In no case shall the value of the
29 meals be computed at more than ~~1.50~~ *100 percent of the*
30 *statutory minimum hourly wage* per day. In no case shall the value
31 of the meals consumed by such employee be computed or valued at
32 more than ~~35 cents~~ *25 percent of the statutory minimum hourly*
33 *wage* for each breakfast actually consumed, ~~45 cents~~ *25 percent of*
34 *the statutory minimum hourly wage* for each lunch actually
35 consumed, and ~~70 cents~~ *50 percent of the statutory minimum*
36 *hourly wage* for each dinner actually consumed.

37 2. The monetary limitations on the value of meals, contained in
38 subsection 1, do not apply to agricultural employees.

39 **Sec. 3.** NRS 609.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 609.240 1. No child under the age of 16 years may be
41 employed, permitted or suffered to work at any gainful occupation,
42 other than ~~domestic service,~~ employment as a performer in the
43 production of a motion picture or work on a farm, more than 48
44 hours in any 1 week, or more than 8 hours in any 1 day.



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1 2. The presence of a child in any establishment during working
2 hours is prima facie evidence of employment of the child therein.

3 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 613 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
4 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 5 and 6 of this act.

5 **Sec. 5.** *This section and section 6 of this act may be cited as*
6 *the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights.*

7 **Sec. 6. 1.** *The Legislature hereby declares that a domestic*
8 *worker must be afforded the following rights and protections:*

9 (a) *An employer shall provide to a domestic worker, when the*
10 *domestic worker begins his or her employment, a written*
11 *employment agreement outlining the conditions of his or her*
12 *employment. If the domestic worker is not able to understand the*
13 *provisions of the written agreement, the employer shall ensure that*
14 *those provisions are explained to the domestic worker in a*
15 *language that the domestic worker understands. The employment*
16 *agreement must include, without limitation:*

17 (1) *The full name and address of the employer;*

18 (2) *The name of the domestic worker and a description of*
19 *the duties for which he or she is being employed;*

20 (3) *Each place where the domestic worker is required to*
21 *work;*

22 (4) *The date on which the employment will begin;*

23 (5) *The period of notice required for either party to*
24 *terminate the employment or, if the employment is for a specified*
25 *period, the date on which the employment will end;*

26 (6) *The ordinary workdays and hours of work required of*
27 *the domestic worker, including any breaks;*

28 (7) *The rate of pay, rate and conditions of overtime pay and*
29 *any other payment or benefits, including, without limitation,*
30 *health insurance, workers' compensation insurance or paid leave,*
31 *which the domestic worker is entitled to receive;*

32 (8) *The frequency and method of pay;*

33 (9) *Any deductions to be made from the domestic worker's*
34 *wages;*

35 (10) *If the domestic worker is to reside in the employer's*
36 *household, the conditions under which the employer may enter the*
37 *domestic worker's designated living space; and*

38 (11) *A notice of all applicable state and federal laws*
39 *pertaining to the employment of domestic workers. A copy of the*
40 *notice provided in subsection 3 will satisfy the requirement to*
41 *comply with this subparagraph.*

42 (b) *Except as otherwise provided in this section and subject to*
43 *the provisions of chapter 608 of NRS, a domestic worker must, for*
44 *all of his or her working time, be paid at least the minimum hourly*



1 *wage published pursuant to Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada*
2 *Constitution.*

3 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 608.018, a domestic*
4 *worker who is paid less than one and one-half times the minimum*
5 *hourly wage must be paid not less than one and one-half times the*
6 *domestic worker's regular rate of wages for all working time in*
7 *excess of 8 hours in a workday or 40 hours in a week of work in*
8 *accordance with the provisions of NRS 608.018.*

9 *(d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 608.0195, if a*
10 *domestic worker is required to be on duty, he or she must be paid*
11 *for all working time, including, without limitation, sleeping time*
12 *and meal breaks.*

13 *(e) If a domestic worker is hired to work for 40 hours per week*
14 *or more, his or her employer must provide a period of rest of at*
15 *least 24 consecutive hours in each calendar week and at least 48*
16 *consecutive hours during each calendar month. The domestic*
17 *worker may agree in writing to work on a scheduled day of rest*
18 *but must be compensated for such time pursuant to this section.*

19 *(f) An employer may deduct from the wages of a domestic*
20 *worker an amount for food and beverages supplied by the*
21 *employer if the domestic worker freely and voluntarily accepts*
22 *such food and beverages and provides written consent for such a*
23 *deduction. An employer must not make a deduction for food and*
24 *beverages supplied by the employer if a domestic worker cannot*
25 *easily bring or prepare meals on the premises. Any deduction for*
26 *food and beverages pursuant to this paragraph must not exceed*
27 *the limits set forth in NRS 608.155.*

28 *(g) An employer may deduct from the wages of a domestic*
29 *worker an amount for lodging if the domestic worker freely and*
30 *voluntarily accepts such lodging and provides written consent for*
31 *such a deduction. An employer may not make a deduction for*
32 *lodging if the domestic worker is required to reside on the*
33 *employer's premises as a condition of his or her employment. Any*
34 *deduction for lodging pursuant to this paragraph must not exceed*
35 *the limits set forth in section 1 of this act.*

36 *(h) If a domestic worker is required to wear a uniform, the*
37 *employer may not deduct from his or her wages the cost of the*
38 *uniform or its care.*

39 *(i) An employer shall not restrict, interfere with or monitor a*
40 *domestic worker's private communications or take any of the*
41 *domestic worker's documents or other personal effects.*

42 *(j) A domestic worker may request a written evaluation of his*
43 *or her work performance from the employer 3 months after his or*
44 *her employment begins and annually thereafter.*



1 (k) *If a domestic worker resides in the employer's household*
2 *and the employer terminates his or her employment without cause,*
3 *the employer shall provide written notice and at least 30 days of*
4 *lodging to the domestic worker, either on-site or in comparable*
5 *off-site conditions.*

6 (l) *An employer shall keep a record of the wages and hours of*
7 *the domestic worker as required by NRS 608.115.*

8 2. *The provisions of this section are not intended to prevent*
9 *an employer from providing greater wages and benefits than those*
10 *required by this section.*

11 3. *The Labor Commissioner shall adopt regulations to carry*
12 *out the provisions of this section and shall post on his or her*
13 *Internet website, if any, a multilingual notice of employment*
14 *rights provided under this section and any applicable state and*
15 *federal laws pertaining to the employment of domestic workers.*

16 4. *As used in this section, unless the context otherwise*
17 *requires:*

18 (a) *"Domestic worker" means a natural person who is paid by*
19 *an employer to perform work of a domestic nature for the*
20 *employer's household, including, without limitation,*
21 *housekeeping, housecleaning, cooking, laundering, nanny*
22 *services, caretaking of sick, convalescing or elderly persons,*
23 *gardening or chauffeuring. The term:*

24 (1) *Includes a natural person who is employed by a third-*
25 *party service or agency; and*

26 (2) *Does not include a natural person who provides services*
27 *on a casual, irregular or intermittent basis.*

28 (b) *"Employer" means a person who employs a domestic*
29 *worker to work for the employer's household.*

30 (c) *"Household" means the premises of an employer's*
31 *residence and includes any living quarters on the employer's*
32 *property.*

33 (d) *"On duty" means any period during which a domestic*
34 *worker is working or is required to remain on the employer's*
35 *property.*

36 (e) *"Period of rest" means a period during which the domestic*
37 *worker has complete freedom from all duties and is free to leave*
38 *the employer's household or stay within the household solely for*
39 *personal pursuits.*

40 (f) *"Working time" means all compensable time, other than*
41 *periods of rest, during which a domestic worker is on duty,*
42 *regardless of whether the domestic worker is actually working.*

43 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective:



- 1 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
- 2 regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks
- 3 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
- 4 2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

