

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (“Department” or “NMDWS”) hereby gives notice that the Department will conduct a public hearing in the conference room of the Human Rights Bureau located at 1596 Pacheco Street Suite 103 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505 on April 5, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The public comment hearing will also be conducted virtually.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input and public comment on proposed regulations for implementing and enforcing the Healthy Workplaces Act enacted under 50-17-1 NMSA 1978 et seq.

Summary: The proposed regulation sets forth the process for implementation of the Healthy Workplaces Act to include definitions of key terms of the Act, establishing employer policies for how to accrue and use sick leave, when the sick leave is to be paid out, compliance requirements, notice requirements, the complaint process, enforcement procedures, and confidentiality requirements.

Under Section 50-17-9, NMSA 1978, the Workforce Solutions Department is authorized to coordinate the implementation and coordination of the Healthy Workplaces Act and to promulgate appropriate rules to implement the Act.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit written comments to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N.M., 87103, attention Andrea Christman prior to the hearing for consideration. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 4, 2022. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed online at <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/> or obtained by calling Andrea Christman at (505) 841-8478 or sending an email to Andrea.Christman@state.nm.us. The proposed rule will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting are asked to contact Ms. Christman as soon as possible. The Department requests at least 10 days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.