Expedited Bill No. 32-16

Concerning: Human Rights and Civil Liberties – Earned Sick and Safe Leave – Use of Earned Sick and Safe Leave – Parental Leave

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**County Council**

**For Montgomery County, Maryland**

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Hucker

Co-Sponsors: Vice President Berliner and Councilmembers Katz, Navarro and Elrich

**AN EXPEDITED ACT** to:

(1) provide that certain employees may use earned sick and safe leave for parental purposes; and

(2) generally regulate the eligibility for sick and safe leave benefits provided to an employee working in the County for certain employers.

By amending

Montgomery County Code

Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Article XIII, Earned Sick and Safe leave

Section 27-79

**Boldface** *Heading or defined term.*

Underlining *Added to existing law by original bill.*

**[**Single boldface brackets**]** *Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

Double underlining *Added by amendment.*

**[[**Double boldface brackets**]]** *Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

\* \* \* *Existing law unaffected by bill.*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

**Sec. 1. Section 27-79 is amended as follows:**

**27-79. Use of Earned Sick and Safe Leave.**

(a) An employee may use earned sick and safe leave:

(1) to care for or treat the employee’s mental or physical illness, injury, or condition;

(2) to obtain preventive medical care for the employee or the employee’s family member;

(3) to care for a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury, or condition;

(4) if the employer’s place of business has closed by order of a public official due to a public health emergency;

(5) if the school or child care center for the employee’s family member is closed by order of a public official due to a public health emergency;

(6) to care for a family member if a health official or health care provider has determined that the family member’s presence in the community would jeopardize the health of others because of the family member’s exposure to a communicable disease; **[**or**]**

(7) for the birth of a child, or for the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care;

(8) to care for a newborn, newly adopted, or newly placed child within one year of birth, adoption, or placement; or

(9) if the absence from work is due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed against the employee or the employee’s family member and the leave is used:

(A) by the employee to obtain for the employee or the employee’s family;

(i) medical attention needed to recover from a physical or psychological injury due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

(ii) services from a victim services organization related to the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or

(iii) legal services, including preparing for or participating in a civil or criminal proceeding related to the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or

(B) during the time that the employee has temporarily relocated due to the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

**Sec. 2. Expedited Effective date.**

**[[**This Act takes effect on October 1, 2016.**]]** The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

*Approved:*

/s/ 11/3/16

Nancy Floreen, President, County Council Date

*Approved:*

/s/ 11/9/16

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

/s/ 11/14/16

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date