

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3307

Introduced 2/11/2020, by Sen. Patricia Van Pelt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 115/9.5

Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. In a provision requiring an employer to reimburse an employee for all necessary expenses or losses incurred by the employee within the employee's scope of employment, requires the employer to reimburse the employee within 30 days after receipt of the necessary expenditures or losses. Provides that an employer is not liable unless the employer required (rather than authorized or required) the employee to incur the necessary expenditure or the employer failed to comply with its own written expense reimbursement policy. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning employment.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act is amended by changing Section 9.5 as follows:
- 6 (820 ILCS 115/9.5)
- 7 Sec. 9.5. Reimbursement of employee expenses.
- 8 (a) An employer shall reimburse an employee for all 9 necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee within the employee's scope of employment and directly related 10 to services performed for the employer. As used in this 11 Section, "necessary expenditures" means 12 all reasonable 13 expenditures or losses required of the employee in the 14 discharge of employment duties and that inure to the primary benefit of the employer. An employer is not responsible for 15 16 losses due to an employee's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft unless the theft was a 17 result of the employer's negligence. An employee shall submit 18 19 necessary expenditure with appropriate supporting documentation within 30 calendar days after incurring the 20 21 expense, except that an employer may provide additional time 22 for submitting requests for reimbursement in a written expense reimbursement policy. Where supporting documentation is 23

- nonexistent, missing, or lost, the employee shall submit a signed statement regarding any such receipts. An employer shall reimburse an employee within 30 days after receipt of necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee.
 - (b) An employee is not entitled to reimbursement under this Section if (i) the employer has an established written expense reimbursement policy and (ii) the employee failed to comply with the written expense reimbursement policy. An employer is not liable under this Section unless the employer authorized or required the employee to incur the necessary expenditure or the employer failed to comply with its own written expense reimbursement policy. If the written expense reimbursement policy of an employer establishes specifications or guidelines for necessary expenditures, the employer is not liable under this Section for the portion of the expenditure amount that exceeds the specifications or guidelines of the policy so long as the employer does not institute a policy that provides for no reimbursement or de minimis reimbursement.
 - (c) To ensure consistency with federal law, any rules adopted by the Department and interpretation of this Section shall be consistent and not in conflict with federal regulations and guidelines regarding employer requirements for reimbursement of employee expenses.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-1094, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 26 becoming law.