

## Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 2010

In March of 2010 President Barack Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Section 4207 amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Reads as follows:  
**REASONABLE BREAK TIME FOR NURSING MOTHERS.**

Section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938

(29 U.S.C. 207) is amended by adding at the end the following:

An employer shall provide—A reasonable break time for an employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for 1 year after the child's birth each time such employee has need to express the milk; and a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by an employee to express breast milk. An employer shall not be required to compensate an employee receiving reasonable break time under paragraph for any work time spent for such purpose. An employer that employs less than 50 employees Shall not be subject to the requirements of this subsection, if such requirements would impose an undue hardship by causing the employer significant difficulty or expense when considered in relation to the size, financial resources, nature, or structure of the employers business.

Nothing in this subsection shall preempt a State law that provides greater protections to employees than the protections provided for under this subsection.

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