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MEMORANDUM HR#81-16

November 8, 2016

TO: DHRM Listserv Recipients

FROM: Peter Long, Administrator Peter Long

Division of Human Resource Management

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Amendments to NAC 284

The regulation changes included with this memorandum are being proposed for adoption at the December 9, 2016 Personnel Commission meeting. This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Gaming Control Board, 1919 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada with videoconferencing to the Grant Sawyer Building, Suite 2450, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Please circulate or post the attached <u>Notice of Public Hearing</u> along with the text of the proposed regulations, or otherwise notify your employees.

Attachments

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Permanent Amendment of Regulations of the Department of Administration Division of Human Resource Management

The Personnel Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., on December 9, 2016 at the Gaming Control Board, 1919 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada and by video conference at the Grant Sawyer Building, Suite 2450, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment to regulations that pertain to Chapter 284 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

- These regulations do not have a direct economic effect on any business or the public.
- Enforcement of these regulations will not result in an increased cost.
- To our knowledge, these regulations do not overlap or duplicate the regulations of other State or local governmental agencies.
- These regulations do not establish any new fee or increase an existing fee.

LCB File: NAC#: Regulation Lead Line:

R024-16 NAC 284.5405 Annual leave: Credit upon reinstatement, rehiring,

reemployment or transfer.

NAC 284.551 Sick leave: Credit upon rehiring, reemployment or transfer.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Personnel Commission may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management, 209 East Musser Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701, Attention: Shelley Blotter. Written submissions must be received by the Division of Human Resource Management on or before December 9, 2016. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Personnel Commission may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be adopted and amended will be on file at the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additionally, copies of this notice and the regulations to be adopted and amended will be available at the Division of Human Resource Management, 100 North Stewart Street, Suite 200, Carson City, Nevada and 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 1400, Las Vegas, Nevada; and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulations will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption or amendment of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or amendment or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption or amendment and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption or amendment.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

Carson City

Blasdel Building, 209 East Musser Street Nevada State Library & Archives Building, 100 North Stewart Street Nevada State Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street Legislative Counsel Bureau, 401 South Carson Street Gaming Control Board, 1919 College Parkway

Las Vegas

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Street

Websites

Legislative Counsel Bureau website: www.leg.state.nv.us

Nevada Public Notice website: http://notice.nv.gov

Division of Human Resource Management website: www.hr.nv.gov

REGULATIONS PROPOSED FOR PERMANENT ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT

LCB File No. R024-16

Section 1. NAC 284.5405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Explanation of Proposed Change: The following amendment, proposed by the Division of Human Resource Management, changes the procedures related to the transfer of nonclassified, employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education, and employees included in NRS 284.022, to the nonclassified, unclassified or classified service. As the Nevada System of Higher Education currently has no unclassified employees, the regulation has been amended to clarify which Nevada System of Higher Education employees will have all or a portion of their annual leave balance transferred to their new appointments. The requirement for the annual leave to be recomputed has been removed to allow employees to retain their full benefit when transferring.

NAC 284.5405 Annual leave: Credit upon reinstatement, rehiring, reemployment or transfer. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.350)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any employee who returns to state service following a separation is eligible to accrue annual leave based on his or her total service with the State after he or she has completed 3 years of continuous service. The employee must requalify after each break in service.
- 2. An employee who is rehired within 1 year after being laid off accrues annual leave at a rate based on his or her total state service. He or she may use the annual leave immediately upon accruing it if he or she has completed a total of 6 months of employment.
- 3. An employee with a permanent disability arising from a work-related injury or occupational disease who is reemployed following a separation from state service within 1 year after the date on which he or she sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013 accrues annual leave at a rate based on his or her total state service. He or she may use the annual leave immediately upon accruing it if he or she has completed a total of 6 months of employment.
- 4. An employee who is rehired within 1 year after being laid off is entitled to buy back the balance of the annual leave for which he or she received payment in a lump sum on the date of the layoff. The rate of pay at which he or she is rehired applies to the buying back of annual leave.
- 5. An employee with a permanent disability arising from a work-related injury or occupational disease who is reemployed following a separation from state service within 1 year after the date on which he or she sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013 is entitled to buy back the balance of the annual leave for which he or she received payment in a lump sum at the time of separation. The rate of pay at which he or she is reemployed applies to the buying back of annual leave.
- 6. If an employee who was laid off before completing 6 months of employment is rehired within 1 year after the layoff, the amount of the unpaid annual leave he or she had earned before the layoff must be restored.
- 7. If a person eligible for military reemployment is reemployed, he or she accrues annual leave at the rate which he or she would have earned if he or she had not left state service.
- 8. If an employee is appointed without a break in service from a position under one appointing authority to a position under another appointing authority, the balance of the employee's annual leave is charged to the agency to which he or she is appointed.

9. If a nonclassified employee, an [unclassified] employee [of] occupying a position within the Nevada System of Higher Education, or an employee included in the State Personnel System pursuant to NRS 284.022 is appointed without a break in service to the *nonclassified*, classified or unclassified service, his or her annual leave [must be recomputed to reflect the amount that would have accrued to him or her as a classified or unclassified employee less any annual leave which he or she used during his or her nonclassified, Nevada System of Higher Education or governmental agency employment, and the remaining balance] will be transferred to the new appointment. The amount of annual leave transferred by the employee pursuant to this subsection may not exceed the maximum amount which is permitted by the classified or unclassified rate of accrual as set forth in NRS 284.350 and NAC 284.538. The agency to which the employee is appointed is not responsible for payment of any annual leave in excess of the amount which is transferable. It is the responsibility of the employee who is transferring annual leave to seek payment of any excess amount of annual leave remaining to his or her credit from his or her former employer. [If the amount of annual leave which is recomputed pursuant to this subsection results in a negative amount, the employee will begin the new appointment in the classified or unclassified service without any hours of annual leave.1

(Added to NAC by Dep't of Personnel, eff. 10-26-84; A 8-28-85; 4-19-88; 3-27-92; 11-12-93; 3-1-96; R031-98, 4-17-98; A by Personnel Comm'n by R096-03, 10-30-2003; R022-05, 10-31-2005; R142-05 & R145-05, 12-29-2005)

Section 2. NAC 284.551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Explanation of Proposed Change: The following amendment, proposed by the Division of Human Resource Management, changes the procedures related to the transfer of nonclassified, employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education, and employees included in NRS 284.022, to the nonclassified, unclassified or classified service. As the Nevada System of Higher Education currently has no unclassified employees, the regulation has been amended to clarify which Nevada System of Higher Education employees will have all or a portion of their sick leave balance transferred to their new appointments. The requirement for the sick leave to be recomputed has been removed to allow employees to retain their full benefit when transferring.

NAC 284.551 Sick leave: Credit upon rehiring, reemployment or transfer. (NRS 284.065, 284.355, 284.345, 284.355)

- 1. An employee who is rehired within 1 year after he or she is laid off is entitled to the restoration of the accrued and unused sick leave remaining in his or her account at the time of the layoff.
- 2. The balance of a seasonal employee's sick leave must be restored to him or her for each subsequent term of appointment if the employee is rehired within 1 year after the date of his or her last seasonal separation.
- 3. An employee who is reemployed within 1 year after sustaining a permanent disability arising from a work-related injury or occupational disease as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013 is entitled to restoration of the accrued and unused sick leave that remained in his or her account at the time of separation.
- 4. If an employee is appointed without a break in service from a position under one appointing authority to a position under another appointing authority, the balance of his or her sick leave is charged to the agency to which he or she is appointed.

5. If a nonclassified employee, an [unclassified] employee [of] occupying a position within the Nevada System of Higher Education, or an employee covered by NRS 284.022 is appointed to the nonclassified, classified or unclassified service without a break in service, his or her sick leave [must be recomputed to reflect the amount that would have accrued to him or her as a classified or unclassified employee less any sick leave which he or she used during his or her nonclassified, Nevada System of Higher Education or governmental agency employment and the remaining balance] will be transferred to the new appointment. [If the amount of sick leave which is recomputed pursuant to this subsection results in a negative amount, the employee will begin the new appointment in the classified or unclassified service without any hours of sick leave.]

(Added to NAC by Dep't of Personnel, eff. 10-26-84; A 4-19-88; 3-1-96; A by Personnel Comm'n by R142-05 & R145-05, 12-29-2005)



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Regulation Small Business Impact Statement

The Division of Human Resource Management has determined that the adoption of this proposed regulation does not impose a significant economic burden on small businesses, nor will it restrict the formation, operation or expansion of small business.

These regulations only impact the classified service of Executive Branch departments and the Nevada System of Higher Education.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small business and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Peter Long, Administrator

Date