

Retail Industry Workplace Law Update – Fall 2021

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Missouri Law Requires Employers to Provide Leave to Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

Missouri employers with at least 20 employees will be obligated to provide leave to victims of domestic or sexual violence under the Victims Economic Safety and Security Act

(VESSA). VESSA also requires employers to provide employees notice of the new law no later than October 27, 2021.

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Puerto Rico Adopts Minimum Wage Act

Citing factors such as inflation, population deceleration, migration, and the long-term economic effects of Hurricane Maria and the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Pedro Pierluisi has sign into law the “Puerto Rico Minimum Wage Act.”

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