



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

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Expanding Employment, Training, and Apprenticeship Opportunities for 16- and 17-Year-Olds in Health Care Occupations Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Comment Extension Period

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the period for submitting written comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled “Expanding Employment, Training, and Apprenticeship Opportunities for 16- and 17-Year-Olds in Health Care Occupations Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.” The comment period now ends on December 11, 2018. The Department of Labor (Department) is taking this action to provide interested parties additional time to submit comments in response to a request for extension, as some supporting documents for the proposal may not have been originally fully visible in the docket.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published September 27, 2018, at 83 FR 48737, is extended. Comments should be received on or before December 11, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To facilitate the receipt and processing of written comments on this NPRM, the Department encourages interested persons to submit their comments

electronically. You may submit comments, identified by Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 1235-AA22, by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments: Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Mail: Address written submissions to Melissa Smith, Director of the Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Instructions: This NPRM is available through the Federal Register and the <http://www.regulations.gov> website. You may also access this document via the Wage and Hour Division's (WHD) website at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/>. All comment submissions must include the agency name and Regulatory Information Number (RIN 1235-AA22) for this NPRM. Response to this NPRM is voluntary. The Department requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this NPRM. Submit only one copy of your comment by only one method (e.g., persons submitting comments electronically are encouraged not to submit paper copies). Please be advised that comments received will become a matter of public record and will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. All comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the date indicated for consideration in this NPRM; comments received after the comment period closes will not be considered. Commenters should transmit comments early to ensure timely receipt prior to the close of the comment period. Electronic submission via <http://www.regulations.gov> enables prompt receipt of comments submitted as DOL continues to experience delays in the receipt of mail in our

area. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Smith, Director of the Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this NPRM may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0675 (this is not a toll-free number). TTY/TDD callers may dial toll-free 1 (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

Questions of interpretation and/or enforcement of the agency's regulations may be directed to the nearest WHD district office. Locate the nearest office by calling the WHD's toll-free help line at (866) 4US-WAGE ((866) 487-9243) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in your local time zone, or log onto WHD's website at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/america2.htm> for a nationwide listing of WHD district and area offices.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On September 27, 2018, the Department published an NPRM and request for comments in the Federal Register (83 FR 48737), proposing to revise Hazardous Order Number 7 under the FLSA to allow for 16- or 17-year-olds to operate power-driven patient lifts. The NPRM also requested public comments on the NPRM on or before November 26, 2018. Not all supporting documents in the public docket may have been originally fully visible. That issue has now been addressed, however, and the documents

are fully publicly viewable. In light of the above, and out of an abundance of caution, the Department has extended the period for submitting public comment to December 11, 2018.

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