

March Madness Continues—Another New Law!

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Governor Phil Murphy signed S1567 into law.

On March 1, 2020 (or the effective date provided in the regulations), New Jersey employers that employ at least 20 employees will be <u>required</u> to offer a pre-tax transportation fringe benefit to their employees who are not currently in a collective bargaining agreement.

A pre-tax benefit will allow an employee to set aside a certain portion of pre-taxed wages, which could be made available for specified transportation services while reducing the employee's federal taxable income. The pre-tax benefit could cover vanpools and mass transit costs; however, the benefit may not be used for parking.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce will adopt rules and regulations concerning the administration and enforcement of the pre-tax benefit. Non-compliant employers will be assessed civil a penalty of \$100-\$250 for the first violation and an additional \$250 penalty for each 30-day period the employer remains non-compliant.

For questions regarding this new law or any employment issues, please contact a Wilentz employment lawyer at 732-352-9858.

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