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Brief Description: Supporting the practice of breastfeeding.

SB 5809 - DIGEST

Declares that the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure.

Provides that an employer may use the designation "mother-friendly" on its promotional materials if the employer has an approved workplace breastfeeding policy addressing at least the following:

(1) Flexible work scheduling, including scheduling breaks and permitting work patterns that provide time for expression of breast milk;

(2) A convenient, sanitary, safe, and private location, other than a restroom, allowing privacy for breastfeeding or expressing breast milk;

(3) A convenient clean and safe water source with facilities for washing hands and rinsing breast-pumping equipment; and

(4) A convenient hygienic refrigerator in the workplace for the mother's breast milk.