



## *New York City Earned Sick Time Act Significantly Expanded, New York Law Journal*

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*New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio made this pronouncement when he proposed an expanded version of the Earned Sick Time Act to the New York City Council. The amended act was passed by the City Council on Feb. 26, 2014, and signed into law on March 20, 2014. It goes into effect on April 1, 2014, and requires covered city employers to give workers up to 40 hours of paid sick time per year. However, business advocates fear that the act will not achieve de Blasio's goal of saving jobs. Some, like council member Vincent Ignizio, predict that the law could force businesses to cut jobs.*