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# Minnesota Passes Employment Legislation for Women

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Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton has signed the Women's Economic Security Act (Act), designed to protect women in the workplace and remove various economic barriers. The Act seeks to close the gender pay gap, extends protection for women affected by pregnancy, nursing, childbirth, adds familial status as a protected class, expands family and sick leave, and provides incentives and grants for business and certain job opportunities for women.

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