Temporary non-immigrants who enter the United States with an H-1B visa and work in specialty occupations or as fashion models have the following rights:

## **WAGES/BENEFITS:**

- You must be paid the actual wage, which is the same wage rate your employer pays other workers with similar experience and qualifications, or the local prevailing wage for the occupation in the area of intended employment, whichever is higher.
- You must be paid for non-productive time caused by the employer or by the lack of a license or permit.
- You must be offered fringe benefits on the same basis as offered to U.S. employees.

#### **ILLEGAL DEDUCTIONS:**

 Your employer may not require you to pay, either directly or indirectly, any part of the petition filing fee; or to pay a financial penalty for leaving employment before a date set in the employment contract; or to pay employer business expenses (such as attorneys fees for preparation and filing of the H-1B Labor Condition Application).

### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

 Your employer must provide you with working conditions on the same basis and criteria as provided to similarly employed U.S. workers (such as hours, shifts, vacations, and seniority-based benefits).

### NOTICE:

 Your employer must provide you with a copy of the Labor Condition Application.

#### RECORDS:

• Your employer must keep records of the hours you work and the

compliance.

in an investigation or other proceeding concerning the employee's believed to be violations of H-1B requirements or for cooperating employee, or job applicant for disclosing information that is reasonably or in any other manner discriminate against any employee, former Your H-1B employer may not infimidate, threaten, blacklist, discharge,

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This card provides a concise summary

of legal protections for H-1B workers. For more information, please call our H-1B toll-free help line at 1-866-4US-WAGE (1-866-487-9243), or visit our website www.dol.gov/whd

**Legal Protections for H-1B Workers**