



SEAWORLD SLASHES WORKER HOURS TO AVOID OBAMACARE FINES



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SeaWorld has announced plans to slash thousands of part-time workers' hours to no more than 28 hours a week. Reducing part-time workers' current 32 hours a week down to 28 weekly hours will avoid Obamacare's 30-hour full-time trigger that forces employers to provide comprehensive health insurance benefits or face up to \$3,000 per employee in fines.

SeaWorld's public relations department offered scant details on its plans but [said](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-seaworld-part-time-workers-hours-20130909,0.6129525.story) (http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-seaworld-part-time-workers-hours-20130909,0.6129525.story) the move "is intended to bring consistency to the part-time designation across the SeaWorld Parks system." SeaWorld says part-time workers' hours will be cut beginning in November but would not answer whether Obamacare prompted the decision.

"There is no other reason to change your cap from 32 hours to 28 other than" Obamacare, former Walt Disney World executive and University of Central Florida hospitality management professor Duncan Dickson [told](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-seaworld-part-time-workers-hours-20130909,0.6129525.story) (http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-seaworld-part-time-workers-hours-20130909,0.6129525.story) the *Orlando Sentinel*.

He added: "I hear my kids [students] talking about getting their hours cut. Everybody's very attuned to the 30-hour thing."

SeaWorld is not alone in cutting hours to avoid Obamacare. Last week, *Investor's Business Daily* published a [list of 258 employers who have slashed worker hours or laid off workers](http://news.investors.com/politics-obamacare/090613-669013-obamacare-employer-mandate-a-list-of-cuts-to-work-hours-jobs.htm) (http://news.investors.com/politics-obamacare/090613-669013-obamacare-employer-mandate-a-list-of-cuts-to-work-hours-jobs.htm) in advance of Obamacare's grand opening in 19 days.



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You are of course assuming that American's elected the guy.

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Indeed, more and more disasters are coming down the line; and with the defunding deadline of Sept 30, we have no time left. If it goes into full effect, there will be no disposing of Obama-care as 50+ million people are put into its grasp.

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Only because you are brain dead lefty little one. I understand that lefties cannot think for themselves and must have instructions from their lefty masters. you never question your leaders, do you? you follow all instructions no matter how insane they are, correct? you do worship the ground your leaders walk on, correct?

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that is why lemmings like leo jump off the cliff into the cliff....like brain dead zombies!!

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And what exactly is working? Our economy? Nope, can't be that as it SUCKS! Foreign policy? Nope, can't be that as we have none. Race relations? Nope, can't be that as it is worse under Obama? Transparent government? Nope, can't be that as Obama has become one of the worst admins for transparency. Want me to go on clueless one?

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