

**336.050 Duties of secretary.**

- (1) The secretary in person or by representative shall:
  - (a) Investigate and ascertain the wages of all employees employed in this state;
  - (b) Enter the place of business or employment of any employer of employees to examine and inspect all books, registers, payrolls, and other records that have a bearing upon the question of wages of employees and to ascertain whether the orders of the secretary are complied with; and
  - (c) Require from the employer a full and correct statement in writing when the secretary or the secretary's representative considers it necessary, of the wages paid to all employees in his or her employment.
- (2) The secretary in person or by representative may prosecute any violation of any of the provisions of any law which it is his or her duty to administer or enforce. The secretary may enter into reciprocal agreements with the corresponding labor agency or official of any other state to collect in the other state claims assigned to the secretary. To the extent allowed by a reciprocal agreement, the secretary may maintain actions in the courts of another state to collect claims and judgments for wages and assign claims and judgments to the agency or official of another state for collection. If a reciprocal agreement extends a like comity to cases arising in the Commonwealth, the secretary may maintain actions in the courts of the Commonwealth to collect claims and judgments for wages arising in the other state in the same manner and to the same extent that actions are authorized when arising in the Commonwealth.

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