

keeper of such kennel shall be assessed a kennel license as follows: Kennel license.

For 20 dogs, or less.....\$10.00  
For each additional 20 dogs, or fraction thereof... 5.00

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CHAPTER 96.

[S. B. 38.]

COLLECTION OF WAGES IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT.

AN ACT to regulate the payment of wages or compensation for labor or service in private employments, providing penalties for violations of its provisions, authorizing the director of labor and industries to enforce this act, defining the duties of prosecuting attorneys relative to its enforcement, and providing for the collection of certain penalties by civil action at the direction of such director.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. The director of labor and industries by and through the division of industrial relations shall have the power and authority, when in his judgment he deems it necessary, to take assignments of wage claims and prosecute actions for the collection of wages of persons who are financially unable to employ counsel in cases in which, in the judgment of the director, the claims for wages are valid and enforceable in the courts; and the said director, and any supervisor and any other person in the employ of the department of labor and industries, duly designated by them, or either or any of them, shall have authority to issue subpoenas, to compel the attendance of witnesses or parties and the production of books, papers or records, and to administer oaths and to examine witnesses under oath, and to take the verification of proof of instruments of writing

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and to take depositions and affidavits for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. When such assignments for wage claims are taken, no court costs shall be payable by said director for prosecuting such suits. The director shall have a seal inscribed "Department of Labor and Industries—State of Washington" and all courts shall take judicial notice of such seal. Obedience to subpoenas issued by the director, a supervisor or a duly authorized representative shall be enforced by the courts in any county. The director, the supervisors and the authorized representatives shall have free access to all places and works of labor, and any employer, or any agent or employee of such employer, who shall refuse them, or any of them, admission therein, or who shall, when requested by them, or any of them, wilfully neglect or refuse to furnish them, or any of them, any statistics or information pertaining to his lawful duties, which may be in his possession or under the control of said employer, or agent, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Access to places of labor.

Enforcement.

SEC. 2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the authority of the prosecuting attorney of any county to prosecute actions, both civil and criminal, for such violations of this act as may come to his knowledge, or to enforce the provisions hereof independently and without specific direction of the director of labor and industries.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. Any person, firm, association, or corporation, or agent, manager, superintendent, or officer thereof, who having the ability to pay, shall wilfully refuse to pay the wages due and payable when demanded, as herein provided, or falsely deny the amount or validity thereof, or that the same is due, with intent to secure for himself, his employer, or other person, any discount upon such indebtedness, or with intent to annoy, harass, or oppress, or

hinder, or delay, or defraud, the person to whom such indebtedness is due, shall, in addition to any other penalty imposed upon him by this act, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the director of labor and industries to inquire diligently for any violations of this act, and to institute the actions for penalties herein provided, and to enforce generally the provisions of this act. Violations.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this act shall apply to the payment of wages or compensation of employees directly employed by any county, incorporated city or town, or other municipal corporation. Nor shall anything herein apply to employees directly employed by the state, any department, bureau, office, board, commission or institution hereof. Exceptions.

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