

for liquidated damages in an amount equal to [ten dollars (\$10.00)] \$10 per day for each such violation. Each violation each day constitutes a separate offense.

(e) On any public works to which this subtitle applies, only competent workmen and apprentices of the trades, crafts, and occupations shall be employed by the contractor and all subcontractors on the public works, provided that the use of apprentices, for each craft involved, shall conform to the apprenticeship programs approved by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training of the U.S. Department of Labor, and as registered with the Maryland Apprenticeship Council, Department of Labor and Industry.

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[(1)] (A) A contractor or subcontractor on any public works to which this subtitle applies may refuse to employ workmen who are residents of any state which the Commissioner finds enforces laws that prohibit Maryland residents from employment as workmen on public works in that state.

[(2)] (B) Any provision of this section that conflicts or is otherwise inconsistent with any federal law, rule, or regulation applicable to a project or activity, the cost of which the federal government is to pay or reimburse in whole or part, and that because of the inconsistency, jeopardizes the availability of federal funds, does not apply to the project or activity.

[98.] 8-504.

(a) Every public body authorized to contract for public works, before advertising for bids OR PROPOSALS, shall request the Commissioner to determine the prevailing rates of wages for workmen and apprentices for the class or type of work called for by the public works, in the locality the work is to be performed. The Commissioner shall determine the prevailing hourly rate of wages, including the prevailing rate of wages for overtime work which shall in no event be less than time and a half the prevailing hourly rate of wages for straight time, for work of the same or a similar character in the locality in which the work is to be performed for the various classifications of workmen and apprentices required to execute the contemplated contract, and such determination or schedule of the prevailing hourly rate of wages shall be attached to and made a part of the specifications and the contract for the work. If there is not a substantial number of competent workmen engaged in work of the same or a similar character within the locality as established by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall use the nearest established locality from which such workmen may be obtained in sufficient numbers to perform the work to make the determination. The Commissioner shall forthwith give notice by mail of all determinations of prevailing wage