

OF MARYLAND shall fix and determine, from time to time, the generally prevailing rate of *per diem wages* in the locality AREA OR LOCALITY in which the work is to be performed for each craft or type of workmen or mechanic needed to execute the contract. The Board of Public Works, or other public body awarding the contract, shall specify in the call for bids for said contract, and in the contract itself, what the generally prevailing rate of *per diem wages* in the said locality AREA OR LOCALITY is for each craft or type of workmen or mechanic needed to execute the contract and also the generally prevailing rate for legal holidays and overtime work, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to repeal or modify in any respect the provisions of Section 7A of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement) as said Section 7A applies to contracts by the State Roads Commission for road work.

(c) It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any sub-contractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rate to all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by him or them, as the case may be, in the execution of the contract; the contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to the State, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each laborer, workman, or mechanic employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, during which such laborer, workman or mechanic is paid less than the stipulated rates for any work done under said contract by him or by any sub-contractor under him. A stipulation to this effect shall be inserted in the contract by the Board of Public Works or other public body awarding the contract.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Department of Labor and Industry COMMISSION ON PREVAILING WAGES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND to take cognizance of complaints of all violations of the provisions of this sub-title committed in the course of the execution of any contract, and to notify the State Comptroller or proper fiscal officer concerned, of any such violations. When the State Comptroller or the fiscal officer of any such department, commission, bureau or agency is making payments to the contractor of moneys becoming due under said contract he shall withhold and retain therefrom all sums and amounts which shall have been forfeited pursuant to the herein-above mentioned stipulation and the terms of this sub-title; provided, however, that no sum shall be so withheld, retained or forfeited except from the final payment, without a full investigation by said Department of Labor and