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(a) A clearly legible statement of all prevailing hourly wage rates to be paid to all workmen and apprentices employed on the construction of the public works shall be kept posted in a prominent and [easily-accessible] EASILY ACCESSIBLE place at the site thereof by each contractor engaged in public works projects under the provisions of this subtitle, and the notice shall remain posted during the full time that any workman or apprentice is employed on the public works.

(b) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prohibit the payment to any workman or apprentice employed on any public work of more than the prevailing rate of wages. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to limit the hours of work which may be performed by any workman or apprentice in any particular period of time.

(c) The Commissioner shall establish such regulations as may reasonably be required to effectuate the purposes of the law including exemptions for minimum number of hours worked or workers employed and payroll records shall be maintained in accordance with such regulations. The records required to be kept shall be open to inspection by any authorized representative of the contracting public body or the Commissioner at any reasonable time and as often as necessary.

(d) The contractor shall submit two complete copies of payroll records and the payroll records of each of his subcontractors, in a form prescribed by regulations established by the Commissioner, one copy to be sent to the contracting public body, the other to the Commissioner, where they will be available for inspection during regular business hours. The contractor shall be responsible for the submission of all subcontractors' payroll records covering work performed directly at the work site. Each copy of the payroll records shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the contractor or the subcontractor, as the case may be, indicating that the payroll records are correct, that the wage rates contained therein are not less than those established by the Commissioner as set forth in the contract, that the classification set forth for each workman or apprentice conforms with the work he performed, and that the contractor or the subcontractor, as the case may be, has complied with the provisions of this subtitle.

(e) If the contractor is delinquent in submitting his or any of his subcontractors' payroll records, processing of partial payment estimates may be held in abeyance pending receipt of the payroll records. In addition, if the contractor is delinquent in submitting his or any of his subcontractors' payroll records, the contractor shall be liable to the contracting public body for liquidated damages. The liquidated damages shall constitute the sum of