

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 8: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

**§ 8144. Prohibited Activities: Wrongful Payments.**

(a) Any citizen may maintain a suit to restrain a disbursing officer from making any payments of any salary or compensation to any person whose appointment or employment has not been made in accordance with this part and the rules and regulations in force thereunder. Any sum paid contrary to the provisions of this part and the rules and regulations established thereunder may be recovered in an action maintained by any citizen from any officer who made, approved, or authorized such payment, or who signed or countersigned a voucher, payroll, check or warrant for such payment, or from the sureties on the official bond of any such officer. The citizen bringing the action shall be entitled to the costs of the suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee, from any money recovered in such action. The balance of any sums recovered shall be paid into the Commonwealth Treasury.

(b) Any person who is appointed or is employed in contravention of any provision of this part or of the rules and regulations thereunder and who performs services for which he is not paid may maintain an action against the officer or officers who purported so to appoint or employ him or her to recover the agreed pay for such services or the reasonable value thereof, if no pay is agreed upon. No officer shall be reimbursed at any time by the government for any sum paid to such person on account of such services.

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