§ 160-tttt. Investigation. The department shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this article and upon complaint of any person, or on its own initiative, to investigate any violation thereof or to investigate the business, business practices and business methods of an appraisal management company, if in the opinion of the department such investigation is warranted. Each such applicant or licensee shall be obliged, on request of the department, to supply such information as may be required concerning his or its business, business practices or business methods, or proposed business practices or methods.

For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article, and in making investigations relating to any violation thereof, and for the purpose of investigating the character, competency and integrity of the applicants or licensees hereunder, and for the purpose of investigating the business, business practices and business methods of any applicant or licensee, or of the officers or agents thereof, the department, acting by such officer or person in the department as the secretary of state may designate, shall have the power to subpoena and bring before the officer or person so designated any person in this state and require the production of any books, records or papers which he deems relevant to the inquiry and administer an oath to and take testimony of any person or cause his or her deposition to be taken, except that any applicant or licensee or officer or agent thereof shall not be entitled to fees and/or mileage. A subpoena issued under this section shall be regulated by the civil practice law and rules.