§ 342. Establishment of a special task force. The commissioner is authorized to establish a special task force for the purpose of concentrating enforcement of the labor law affecting production employees in the apparel industry in New York state and otherwise exercising the duties and powers set forth in sections three hundred forty-three and three hundred forty-four of this article. Such special task force shall be empowered to investigate and conduct inspections at locations where an apparel industry contractor is operating.

The commissioner is further authorized to publish on the internet listings of those persons and entities investigated by the department or the special task force on the apparel industry and found not to be in compliance with the law. The listing shall include all relevant information concerning the violators included in the registration process in accordance with section three hundred forty-one of this article. The listing shall be updated regularly, not less than monthly, amended to be adjusted for new instances of non-compliance. Any retailer or manufacturer or contractor requesting verification of the registration status of a manufacturer or contractor shall be provided with a reference to this internet web site listing.