§ 640. Prosecution and litigation. The failure by any person to do any act required by or under the provisions of this article shall be deemed an act committed in part at the office of the industrial commissioner in Albany and committed in part in the place where the person resides or has a place for the regular transaction of business. The certificate of the industrial commissioner or deputy industrial commissioner to the effect that contribution has not been paid, that a report has not been filed, or that information has not been supplied, as required by or under the provisions of this article, shall be prima-facie evidence that such contribution has not been paid, that such report has not been filed, or that such information has not been supplied.