

State of New York – Department of Health

The following provides the State with the authority to obtain records and documents necessary for the determination of consumer food purchases during investigation of foodborne illnesses within their jurisdiction. Questions regarding specific situations, the documents that can be requested, or the statutory citations listed should be directed to the authorized State agency. You may access contact information for the state agency on the Directory of State and Local Officials webpage at:

<http://dslo.afdo.org>

New York Consolidated Laws

Public Health Law § 206 - Commissioner; general powers and duties

Section 206(1) The commissioner shall:

(d) investigate the causes of disease, epidemics, the sources of mortality, and the effect of localities, employments and other conditions, upon the public health;

Section 206(4): The commissioner may:

(a) issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and compel them to testify in any matter or proceeding before him, and may also require a witness to attend and give testimony in a county where he resides or has a place of business without the payment of any fees;