

shall inspect and adjust all beams and scales, weights and measures, used or intended to be used in the said county, and each of them shall keep a book, in which he shall register the names of the persons whose beams and scales, weights and measures, he has so adjusted, together with the day of the month and year, and the number and description of the same so adjusted, which book he shall submit to the inspection of the levy court, once in every year or oftener if required.

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7. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to have his, her or their beams and scales, weights and measures inspected and adjusted as aforesaid, when required so to do by the proper officer, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay five dollars for every day during such delinquency; and if any of the said inspectors are informed, or have reason to suspect that any person or persons are using or have in their possession, with a fraudulent intention, any false beams, scales or measures, it shall be their duty, and they are hereby authorized to examine the same, and if they find them, or either of them false, to seize the same as a forfeiture, and after having the same adjusted, to sell them at public auction.

Penalty for neglect—detection of fraud.

8. *And be it enacted,* That the standard-keepers shall return upon oath or affirmation to the levy court, by which they may be respectively appointed, annually, a statement of the money they may receive in the performance of the duties prescribed by this act.

Return upon oath.

9. *And be it enacted,* That the said standard-keepers shall respectively, have and receive such compensation for the discharge of the duties required of them by this act, as the respective levy courts shall think proper to allow, which shall be levied on the assessable property of the county, and collected as other county charges.

Compensation—levy.

10. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any of the standard-keepers aforesaid, shall be applied unto, to adjust scales, weights and measures, by adding to, or diminishing the same, or to adjust scale-beams, he shall be allowed an additional reasonable compensation therefor, to be paid by the party so applying for his services.

Compensation for altering.

11. *And be it enacted,* That one half of all fines and forfeitures incurred under this act shall be applied to the use of the informer, the other to the use of the county, and in all cases for the recovery of such fines and forfeitures, the informer shall be a competent witness.

Fines applied.

12. *And be it enacted,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby directed to pay to the governor and council, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, any sum of money which may be necessary to carry into effect, the provisions of this act.

Treasurer to pay expenses incurred herein.

13. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to extend to the City of Baltimore, or to any private house-keeper, or individual or individuals in this

Baltimore exempt.