

competent and qualified to grade tobacco, to be known as tobacco graders, as he may deem necessary but the total compensation of said graders shall not exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) per year, nor shall the annual salary of any grader exceed two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,250.00). The Inspector in making said appointments shall only appoint persons who have been trained by the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the State Board of Agriculture and each of said persons so appointed or to be appointed must have a certificate of competency from said United States Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Agriculture, showing that he is competent and qualified.

The said graders shall have the power and authority, and it is hereby declared to be their duty, to fix and establish proper grades for Maryland grown tobacco, and in so far as it is practicable to do so, they shall follow as closely as possible the grades established by the United States Department of Agriculture. It shall be the duty of the graders to grade all Maryland grown tobacco sold or offered for sale on or through the Baltimore market, whether said tobacco is stored in the State Tobacco Warehouses or in other warehouses, and for this purpose said graders shall have the authority to go into other warehouses where tobacco is stored at the time samples are being taken.

Provided, however, that the tobacco of a grower or shipper shall not be graded if, at the time said tobacco is placed in the warehouse or shipped to the selling agency, there is a written statement from said grower, his agent, or shipper, that he does not wish his tobacco to be graded.

21. Every inspector shall have uncased and break every hogshead of tobacco that may be delivered for inspection in not less than five different places for Maryland and Ohio and not less than three different places for Kentucky and Virginia tobacco and in as many more places as may be necessary to fully determine the contents of said hogshead, and if the inspector shall be of the opinion that such tobacco is sound, clean and in good order, then he shall select from each break as many bundles as will correctly represent the different qualities of tobacco contained in the break, and the bundles so selected shall be considered the sample of the hogshead; he shall also have the hogshead properly marked with its number, the year of inspection and the names legibly written of the owner on each head and bilge and shall have the tare and net weight marked with iron on the bilge as directed in the preceding section.