

CHAPTER 264.

AN ACT to provide for the licensing of guagers of casks and liquids, for the City of Baltimore, and providing for the duties thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any citizen of the State of Maryland, on application to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in the City of Baltimore, and on paying one hundred dollars to the said clerk, shall be entitled to receive a license to act as guager of casks and liquors for the term of one year from the date thereof. The person applying for said license shall, at the time of receiving the same, take and subscribe before said clerk an oath that he will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of said office.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no person engaged in vending or trading in or manufacturing casks or liquors, individually or as a partner, or as agent, clerk or employee of a trader, vender or manufacturer of said article, or either of them, or any [other] commissioned officer, shall [not] be licensed to act as guager of casks and liquids.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any person may sell, export or otherwise dispose of any foreign or domestic liquors in casks without having the same guaged by a licensed guager, but in cases of difference between the buyer and seller as to the quantity, either party may call in a guager, and his judgment shall bind the parties.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the guagers shall procure and use a correct set of guaging instruments, and as soon as they have ascertained the capacity of any cask they shall distinctly mark, with marking irons, the capacity on the bilge near the bung, and prefix the letter M., for the State of Maryland, and the first letter of the surname of the guager who does guaging; and any cask containing such liquor, to be merchantable, must be round at the bilge and heads, the staves thereof to be seasoned white oak, free from any injurious portion of sapwood, and not