

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.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 21. 1912, ch. 21. 1904, sec. 22. 1888, sec. 22. 1872, ch. 36, sec. 11.
1886, ch. 101. 1916, ch. 309, sec. 21. 1933, ch. 325, sec. 21.
1935, ch. 594, sec. 21.

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.

The tobacco graders shall be present when the hogshead is uncased and the sample taken, and they may proceed at once to grade the tobacco according to the grade established by them under authority of Section 11 of this Article, or may grade it in another part of the warehouse or warehouses. The same procedure shall be followed with respect to tobacco in warehouses other than the State Warehouses, and it shall be the duty of the person or persons taking samples from hogsheads in warehouses other than the State Warehouses to notify the graders of the time when and the place where samples will be taken. The State Board of Agriculture shall have the right and power to examine the work of the graders and to report the results of such examinations to the Tobacco Inspector.

It shall be unlawful for any sales agency or its representative, to which tobacco has been consigned by the owner for sale, to make any suggestions or objections as to any particular bundle to be included or excluded from the sample or to interfere or to try to use any influence in regard to same; and any person violating this provision shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty prescribed by Section 53 of this Article.