

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development  
 Section 6–201  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 Section 4–807(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Agriculture**

11–203.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for commercial weighing and measuring devices, specified in § 11–204, shall be those adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures and included in the [National Bureau of Standards] NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY Handbook 44, as amended. These specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by a rule or regulation adopted by the Secretary.

(2) Nothing in the specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for commercial weighing and measuring devices adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures and included in the [National Bureau of Standards] NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY Handbook 44 prevents a person from using a commercial vehicle scale to measure minimum loads of less than 1,000 pounds on the vehicle.

11–301.

(a) The system of weights and measures in customary use in the United States and the metric system of weights and measures are jointly recognized. Either one or both of these systems shall be used for all commercial purposes in the State. The definitions of the basic units of weight and measure, the tables of weight and measure, and weights and measures equivalents as published by the [National Bureau of Standards] NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY are recognized and shall govern weighing and measuring equipment and transactions in the State except as otherwise provided.