

CHAPTER 435.

AN ACT to require under penalty persons, firms or corporations engaged in the business of selling leaf tobacco on or through the Baltimore market, to keep correct records of such sales and to report the same to the Maryland State Board of Agriculture.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person, firm or corporation, engaged regularly in the business of selling leaf tobacco on or through the Baltimore market, either for the account of the grower, owner or other principal, or for his, its or their own account, shall keep a correct account, upon a form to be prescribed by the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, of the number of hogsheads and total pounds of leaf tobacco sold daily by such person, firm or corporation, and that said account verified by oath shall on or before the fifth day of each succeeding month be returned or delivered to the Executive Officer of the Maryland State Board of Agriculture. The form of said account to be prepared by the said the Maryland State Board of Agriculture as aforesaid, shall be so arranged and classified as to show under three separate classifications or headings, entitled "Southern Maryland Tobacco," "Up Country Tobacco" and "Tobacco Produced Outside of Maryland;" first, the number of pounds of tobacco sold for the producers of tobacco first hand; second, the number of pounds sold for dealers, and third, the number of pounds bought for the account of the said person, firm or corporation making said report, or for the account of some other person, firm or corporation engaged in selling leaf tobacco. That each person, firm or corporation engaged in selling leaf tobacco as aforesaid, shall keep its books in such manner as to show the warehouse hogshead number, weight, tare and net, date of sale, of each hogshead of tobacco, to whom the same was sold and at what price per pound, and the account or report required to be made as aforesaid to the Maryland State Board of Agriculture shall show clearly the average price received by such person, firm or corporation for tobacco sold during the month. When such information is received by the Executive Officer of the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, he shall immediately cause same to be copied in a book kept for that purpose, and shall in said book keep separate and apart the returns to him from