

CHAP. 149. of the Council shall appoint and commission, on or before the first Monday in April next, and annually thereafter, a suitable person to be inspector of shingles, at the village of Port Deposit, in Cecil county, and all shingles brought into the said village for sale, shall be inspected and marked, in conformity to this act.

Quantity in bundles.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That each and every bunch of shingles which is three feet and four inches between the bands, with fifty courses upon each side, and closely packed, shall be considered to contain one thousand, and each any every bunch whose dimensions and contents shall not be equal thereto, shall be estimated and marked accordingly by the inspector, that is to say one half, five eights, three fourths or seven eighths, as the same may contain.

Qualities.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*. That there shall be three qualities of shingles, to be dissignated by the inspector; that is to say, first, second or third quality, as the cause may be; and the first quality shall consist of timber similar in quality to that of prime, or pannell stuff, boards or plank, to be not less than eighteen inches in length nor less than three eighths of an inch thick, free from worm holes, knots, windings and shakes, well shaved and of uniform width at but and point, with not more than fifty shingles to the thousand whose width is less than three inches; the second quality shall be eighteen inches in length, three eighths of an inch thick, and composed of different qualities of a grade below the prime, or first, quality; and the third quality shall be composed of sound stuff, whose irregular thickness, width, shaving and winding shall render them generally inferior to the second quality.

Duty—compensation.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted* That it shall be the duty of the inspector to mark upon each bundle of shingles the quality and quantity of the same, and for such inspection and marking, he shall be entitled to receive ten cents for each and every full bunch of shingles so inspected and marked by him, and in that proportion for any greater or less quantity.

Penalty for selling without inspection.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons, shall purchase or cause to be purchased, or sell or cause to be sold, any shingles within the village of Port Deposit, or within one half mile thereof, without having them inspected by the inspector so appointed, he or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, for each and every bundle so bought or sold, to be recovered before any justice of the peace or court of competent jurisdiction.

How applied

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That one half of the forfeitures recovered under the provisions of this act, shall be for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the state.

Oath required

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*. That before proceeding to act, the said inspector shall take an oath, before some justice of the peace, for the faithful discharge of the duties enjoined by this act.