

lation of such Bureau, to conduct frequent inspections of all scales, measuring instruments, cars, and containers, and to determine their condition, accuracy, correct branding, weight, use and operation, to assure the proper use thereof and the competency of any person authorized to use them.

SEC. 156. The operator of every coal mine where miners are paid by measurement, shall provide and maintain at such mine a standard measure, approved by the Bureau, with which all cars or other containers of coal shall be checked and their respective capacities be determined and plainly branded thereon, subject to approval by the Bureau.

SEC. 157. Any person or persons having or using any scale, measure, car, container or other instrument for the purpose of determining the amount of product and resulting compensation of any workman employed in or about any such mine, who shall knowingly or of gross negligence so arrange, construct or operate any such instrument that an incorrect determination and compensation may be reported, or shall make or permit to be made an incorrect and fraudulent record and account thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and every day any such instrument is so arranged, constructed, or operated to obtain such incorrect determination, or such incorrect and fraudulent record and account is made or permitted to be made, shall be a separate offense.

SEC. 158. It shall be unlawful for any person, with intent to cheat or defraud, to place upon any car or other container loaded by any other person a number or check number; or with such intent to change, exchange, substitute, alter or remove any such number or check number; and any such act shall be a misdemeanor.

SEC. 159. Every operator of any such mine shall make payment in lawful money of the United States semi-monthly to his employees, laborers and wageworkers, or to their authorized agents, at their respective places of employment, at intervals of not more than seventeen days. In case any such operator shall refuse to pay at the times above set forth to his employees, laborers or wageworkers the wages due them, or any of them, said operator shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 160. Whenever an operator of any mine in this State discharges an employee, all wages due such employee and unpaid at the time of discharge shall become due and payable immediately.