

CHAPTER 420.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 97 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Weights and Measures," said new section to be known as Section 44 and to follow immediately after Section 43 of said Article, authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to inspect, regulate and adjust scales, beams, weights and measures used in vending and purchasing agricultural products and farm supplies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 97 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Weights and Measures," said new section to be known as Section 44, to follow immediately after Section 43 of said Article, and to read as follows:

44. In addition to the powers of inspection, regulation and adjustment of scales, beams, weights and measures conferred by this Article upon the inspectors appointed by the County Commissioners of the several counties, and by the Comptroller of Baltimore City, the State Board of Agriculture shall, through its officers, agents and employees, have the authority and power to inspect, regulate and adjust any or all scales, beams, weights and measures used in the several counties of the State and in the City of Baltimore in the vending or purchasing of agricultural products and farm supplies which are directed by law or are usually sold by weight or measure. The said State Board of Agriculture shall have and exercise, through its officers, agents and employees, all the authority and power conferred by this Article upon the inspectors appointed by the County Commissioners of the several counties, and by the Comptroller of Baltimore City, including the power to condemn any scale, beam, weight or measure which it is impossible to repair, and to prohibit the use of and to remove and destroy or otherwise dispose of the same. The authority and power hereby conferred shall be exercised in such manner, by such method or methods and at such time or times as shall be determined upon by the said State Board of Agriculture, and the said Board shall have power to make or cause to be made an inspection or inspections of such scales, beams, weights and measures as, in its discretion, the public interest shall require.

Any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee of such person, firm or corporation refusing to have