

CHAPTER 978.

(House Bill 463)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 25, 33, 40, 45, 52, 54, 55, 56 and 59 of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "Tobacco", and to add four new sections to said Article, said new sections to be known as Sections 59A to 59D, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 59 of said Article, further regulating the sale and handling of leaf tobacco in Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 25, 33, 40, 45, 52, 54, 55, 56 and 59 of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "Tobacco", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that four new sections be and they are hereby added to said Article, to be known as Sections 59A to 59D, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 59 of said Article and all to read as follows:

25. If any inspector or warehouse official upon examination of any hogshead or basket or other container of tobacco has reason to suspect that the same is trash or false packed, he shall cause the same to be shaken out and repacked, and shall charge for so doing either the sum of two dollars per hogshead or one-half cent per pound of tobacco, the same to be paid by the owner or his agent; and if any inspector shall find that the package, cask or hogshead containing said tobacco is constructed of green or unseasoned timber, it shall be his duty to uncase said tobacco and furnish a new and dry package, cask or hogshead for the same at the cost and expense of the owner of said tobacco or his agent; said cost and expense not to exceed, however, the sum of one dollar for each package, cask or hogshead so furnished.

33. The Inspector shall charge for reconditioning and repacking all stayed tobacco, and for reinspecting and re-drawing, such rates as shall be fixed from time to time by the Inspector of Tobacco, and such charges shall be paid by the owner or his agents; and for all outage the charge shall be as fixed from time to time by the Inspector of Tobacco and shall be paid by the shipper of the tobacco or his agents.

40. No tobacco of the growth of this State shall be passed or accounted lawful tobacco for sale or storage in a hogshead market in Maryland unless the same be packed in hogsheads