

CHAPTER 316.

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An act to provide for the Weighing of Anthracite or Hard Coal, and for Measuring Bituminous Coal, in the State of Maryland, and to repeal the act of Assembly heretofore passed in relation to that subject. Passed Mar. 29, 1838

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all anthracite or hard coal hereafter sold within the State of Maryland, shall be sold by the ton, and twenty-two hundred and forty pounds of any coal shall be allowed to the ton. 2240 lbs. to the ton of anthracite

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all bituminous coal hereafter sold within the State of Maryland, shall be sold by measure, and no measure shall be used, but those that have been proved and stamped by the proper officers of the city or county where the same is to be used, except foreign coal subject to duty, in which case the measure of the general government will be used. Bituminous coal by measure

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all scales used for weighing anthracite or hard coal, called platform, box or patent balance, or steelyards, shall be subject to the inspection of the inspector of weights, in each city and county, who shall examine and prove said scales twice in every year, correcting them when necessary, for which the owner or owners shall pay him for each time, one dollar and fifty cents for proving and correcting a platform scale, one dollar for a box scale, and seventy-five cents for steelyards, exclusive of every necessary expense in proving and correcting them, and when any scale or steelyard is out of order beyond remedy he shall have power to prohibit its future use. Balance to be inspected

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the inspector of weights in each city and county, shall be an umpire to decide in all cases where a dispute arises as to the weight of a parcel of anthracite or hard coal, and the measurer in each city and county shall be an umpire to decide in all cases where a dispute shall arise as to the measure of a quantity of bituminous coal, or when a buyer or seller wishes them to weigh or measure, as the case may be, a parcel, in all such cases the said inspector shall receive fifteen cents per ton for every ton he shall weigh, and the measurer, half cent per Compensation
Case of dispute
Umpire
Inspectors compensation