

Passed Mar 4, 1850. *A further supplement to an act to provide for the Weighing and Inspection of Hay and Straw brought for sale in the City of Baltimore.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly, that the law regulating the weighing and inspection of hay and straw does not make proper provision for weighing bale hay and straw, and as the law is at present construed, the importers and dealers as well as consumers of bale hay and straw, are subjected to great expense and loss in draying said hay and straw to the respective State scales, and that said scales will not weigh less than five pounds—Therefore,

Duty of inspector and weigher

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the inspector and weigher of hay and straw, at the eastern scales, to be present regularly every day, Sunday excepted, at some stated hour in each day, to be named by said inspector and weigher, and there remain at least one hour or more, as the case may be, to receive all applications for the weighing and inspection of hay and straw brought to the said city for sale in bales, either by land or water, and all bales of the same, brought by water, shall be weighed and inspected at such place or places most convenient to the vessel or vessels bringing the same, the aforesaid weighing and inspection to be done by said officer in the shortest possible time after having received application for his services, the removal of the scales to the several places requiring for use, to be paid by the owner or owners of the hay or straw to be so weighed and inspected, and the said inspector is hereby authorised and required to make such reasonable tare or deduction from each bale as to him may seem just and proper, and the said inspector shall in no case receive more for his service than is now allowed by the acts to which this is a supplement, except for the labor of placing the said bales of hay and straw on and off the scales, which said labor shall be paid by the owner or owners thereof, and any person or persons failing to comply with the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for every such neglect or refusal, to be recovered as provided for by the act to which this is a supplement.

To purchase portable scales

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in order that the provisions of this act may be fully carried out, the inspector of the eastern scales, be and he is hereby authorised