

# SENATE . . . . No. 221

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, February 16, 1927.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading to which was referred the House Bill to establish fees for sealing vehicle tanks used as measures (House, No. 483) reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act relative to the sealing of vehicle tanks used as measures and establishing fees therefor" (Senate, No. 221), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

CHARLES WARD JOHNSON.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

An Act relative to the Sealing of Vehicle Tanks used as Measures and establishing Fees therefor.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section forty-two of chapter  
2 ninety-eight of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section two of chapter thirty-two of the acts of  
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby  
5 further amended by inserting after the word  
6 "semi-annually" in the eighth line, the words: —  
7 ; and provided, further, that when a vehicle tank  
8 used in the sale of commodities by liquid measure  
9 has once been sealed, it shall not be necessary to  
10 seal it again while it remains in the same condition  
11 as when first sealed, — so as to read as follows: —  
12 *Section 42.* After giving said notice, said sealers  
13 shall go to the houses, stores, shops and vehicles  
14 of persons not complying therewith, and shall  
15 test and adjust, seal or condemn in accordance  
16 with the results of their tests, the weighing or  
17 measuring devices of such persons; provided,  
18 that devices for determining the measurement of  
19 leather bought, sold or offered for sale shall be

20 tested at least semi-annually; and provided,  
21 further, that when a vehicle tank used in the  
22 sale of commodities by liquid measure has once  
23 been sealed, it shall not be necessary to seal  
24 it again while it remains in the same condition  
25 as when first sealed. A person who neglects or  
26 refuses to exhibit his weighing or measuring de-  
27 vices to a sealer or deputy, or who hinders,  
28 obstructs or in any way interferes with a sealer or  
29 deputy in the performance of duty, shall be  
30 punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter ninety-eight is here-  
2 by amended by striking out section fifty-six and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 56.* Except as otherwise provided,  
5 sealers shall receive the following fees for sealing  
6 the following weighing or measuring devices: —

7 (a) Each scale with a weighing capacity of  
8 more than five thousand pounds, one dollar.

9 (b) Each scale with a weighing capacity of one  
10 hundred to five thousand pounds, fifty cents.

11 (c) All other scales, balances, and measures  
12 on pumps, ten cents each.

13 (d) Each taximeter, or measuring device used  
14 upon vehicles for determining the cost of trans-  
15 portation, one dollar.

16 (e) Each machine or other device used for  
17 determining the measurement of leather, one  
18 dollar.

19 (f) Milk bottles or jars, fifty cents per gross.

20 (g) Vehicle tanks used in the sale of commo-  
21 dities by liquid measure and having a capacity  
22 of one hundred gallons or less, one dollar. For  
23 each additional one hundred gallons or fraction  
24 thereof, an additional fee of fifty cents shall be  
25 received. When a vehicle tank is subdivided  
26 into two or more compartments, each compart-  
27 ment shall, for the purposes of this section, be  
28 considered as a separate tank.

29 (h) All weights and other measures, three cents  
30 each.

31 They shall also receive reasonable compensa-  
32 tion for necessary repairs, alterations and ad-  
33 justments made by them.