

SENATE No. 252.

[To accompany the petition of Christopher I. Fitzgerald for an amendment of the law relative to the sale of coal. Mercantile Affairs.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale and Measurement of Coal and
of Receptacles 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 Chapter fifty-seven of the Revised Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out sections eighty-
3 four and eighty-five, and inserting instead thereof
4 the following:—

5 *Section 84.* Anthracite coal of the ordinary
6 sizes used for domestic purposes, viz., nut, stove,
7 egg and furnace, shall be sold in quantities of five
8 hundred pounds or less only by the bushel, Massa-
9 chusetts standard of two thousand one hundred
10 and fifty and forty-two hundredths cubic inches
11 level full for washed and screened coal, and shall
12 be delivered in the same baskets or measures used
13 in measuring it; and in quantities over five hun-
14 dred pounds and less than ten gross tons, such

15 sizes shall be sold only by a standard ton measure-
16 ment of forty cubic feet for washed and screened
17 coal.

18 Whoever sells coal by the ton measurement
19 shall, without cost to the purchaser, cause the
20 goods to be measured by a sworn measurer of
21 coal to be appointed in same manner as a sworn
22 weigher, and shall cause to be surrendered to the
23 purchaser or his agent a certificate signed by
24 such sworn measurer, stating the name and place
25 of business of the seller, the commercial name
26 and size of the goods measured, and the name
27 of the person taking charge of the goods after
28 measuring.

29 *Section 85.* The sealer of weights and meas-
30 ures of any city or town shall, upon request of a
31 dealer in coal therein, measure and seal such
32 vehicles as meet the specifications to be estab-
33 lished by the state sealer of weights and measures,
34 and, upon the request of the owner or occupant
35 of any dwelling therein, measure and seal, in a
36 manner to be prescribed by the state sealer of
37 weights and measures, such coal receptacles as are
38 constructed to contain forty cubic feet at any level
39 of integral inches from a level bottom, and such
40 level and every multiple thereof shall be plainly
41 marked and numbered by the sealer.

42 Whoever shall, without a written permit from
43 the sealer of weights and measures, alter a sealed
44 vehicle or receptacle, or remove or alter a sealer's
45 mark with intent to defraud, shall be punishable
46 by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.