

SENATE No. 375.

[Reported by the joint special committee on the Supply and Distribution of Coal. For committee's report see Senate, No. 373.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Weighing of Coke or Coal.

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. The sealer of weights and measures in
2 every city or town of the Commonwealth in which coke
3 or coal is sold in less than carload lots, may, at his dis-
4 cretion, cause any coke or coal in the possession of a
5 person, and which is intended for delivery to the pur-
6 chaser or owner thereof, to be taken by said person
7 having possession thereof to the public scales in said
8 city or town and there weighed. Said sealer of weights
9 and measures shall keep a record of the weights of the
10 coke or coal caused by him to be weighed as aforesaid,
11 which record shall be open to the inspection of any

12 interested person, and of the mayor and aldermen of
13 the city, or the selectmen of the town in which such
14 record is kept.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of the preceding sec-
2 tion the sealer of weights and measures of the city or
3 town and his deputies shall have all the power and
4 authority conferred by section eighty-nine of chapter
5 fifty-seven of the Revised Laws; and the person in
6 charge of coke or coal for delivery to the purchaser
7 shall, upon request, exhibit to the sealer of weights and
8 measures of any city or town, and to any of his depu-
9 ties, the certificate of the weight of the coke or coal
10 provided for by section eighty-eight of said chapter
11 fifty-seven, and shall permit him to copy the whole of
12 said certificate or any part or parts thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Whoever violates any provision of this
2 act or fails to comply with any request for information
3 or direction made under authority thereof, or gives a
4 false answer to any such request, shall for each offence
5 be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.