

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Agriculture)**

Requested: November 15, 2004

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Agriculture - Weights and Measures - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain registration fees for certain weights and
4 measures; establishing a certain registration fee for a certain weights and
5 measures device; repealing obsolete provisions of law; providing that unspent
6 portions of the Weights and Measures Fund up to a certain maximum sum
7 remain with the Fund and not be transferred or revert to the State General
8 Fund; and generally relating to fees and the Weights and Measures Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Agriculture
11 Section 11-204.6 and 11-204.7
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Agriculture**

17 11-204.6.

18 (a) (1) There is a "Weights and Measures Fund".

19 (2) All fees collected under §§ 11-204.3, 11-204.4, and 11-204.7 of this
20 subtitle shall be credited to the Fund.

21 (3) The Fund shall be used to defray the expenses of administering this
22 title.

23 (b) [The Fund shall be used for the purposes stated in this title and unspent
24 portions of the Fund shall revert to the General Fund of the State.]

25 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY UNSPENT PORTIONS OF
26 THE FUND, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100,000, MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR REVERT

1 TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE, BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND TO BE
2 USED FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN THIS TITLE.

3 11-204.7.

4 [(a) On and after June 1, 1993, the] THE fees for registering each weight and
5 measure used for commercial purposes under this subtitle are as follows:

6 (1) Scales with a capacity of up to 100 pounds (maximum fee per
7 BUSINESS location: [\$175] \$225) [\$14] \$20;

8 (2) Scales with a capacity of more than 100 pounds, up to 2,000
9 pounds [\$40] \$50;

10 (3) Scales with a capacity of more than 2,000 pounds \$75;

11 (4) Belt conveyor scales \$300;

12 (5) Railroad track scales \$300;

13 (6) Vehicle scales [\$150] \$225;

14 (7) Grain moisture meter [\$50] \$100;

15 (8) Retail motor fuel dispenser meter of under 20 gallons per minute
16 (maximum fee per BUSINESS location: \$275) \$15;

17 (9) Retail motor fuel dispenser meter of 20 gallons per minute or
18 more \$35;

19 (10) Bulk petroleum fuel meter of 20 gallons per minute, up to 150 gallons
20 per minute [\$35] \$50;

21 (11) Bulk petroleum fuel meter of 150 gallons per minute or
22 more [\$70] \$100;

23 [(12) Liquefied petroleum gas meter of 3/4 inch diameter or less \$50;
24 and]

25 [(13) (12) Liquefied petroleum gas [meter of greater than 3/4 inch
26 diameter] METERS \$75; AND

27 (13) POINT OF SALE SYSTEM, AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE
28 OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY (NIST) HANDBOOK 44, CONNECTED TO A
29 WEIGHING OR MEASURING DEVICE (PER BUSINESS LOCATION) \$100.

30 [(b) From June 1, 1992 through May 31, 1993, the fees for registering each
31 weight and measure used for commercial purposes under this subtitle shall be 50% of
32 the amount set forth in subsection (a) of this section.]

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 2005.