

**UNIFORM STANDARD FOR MEASURING BITUMINOUS COAL**

**Act of Apr. 6, 1850, P.L. 387, No. 284**

**Cl. 16**

AN ACT

Supplementary to an act, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform standard for the measurement of bituminous coal, and authorizing the appointment of a wood inspector in the borough of Lewistown;" to extend Hancock street, in the city of Pittsburg; and in relation to a tavern license in Mifflin county; and to incorporate the East Birmingham and Mount Oliver turnpike and plank road company.

Section 1. Standard of weight of coal

Where disagreements arise between the seller and buyer of bituminous coal, in the county of Allegheny, as to the measure of good merchantable coal, put into the wagon, car or cart, at the mouth of the pit, or at any of the wharves in the county of Allegheny, a standard of weight shall be established, of seventy-six pounds avoirdupois to the bushel of merchantable coal. 1850, April 6, P.L. 387, Sec. 1.

Section 2. On disagreement, weigh-master to superintend weighing

On the parties disagreeing as to the measure of coal, and consenting to have the load or loads weighed and taken to a properly adjusted scale, the weigh-master of said scale shall superintend the weighing of the suspected load, estimating the number of bushels by the standard weight of seventy-six pounds to the bushel; for which service he shall be entitled to the usual fee or fees charged for similar draughts, to be paid by the party in error, on the presentation of a certificate of weight by the said officer; the amount of said fee to be collected as debts of like amount are recoverable by law. 1850, April 6, P.L. 387, Sec. 2.

Section 4. Sealing of coal carts and wagons

No beds of wagons, cars or carts, except those from which coal is sold and delivered, shall require the sealer's mark, nor shall the standard of weight be applied where the coal stands in the bed up to the sealer's mark at which it is proposed to sell. Provided, That the miner or miners using the car or cars to convey the coal from the pit to the platform, can at any time they suspect the measurement allowed to any car or cars, compel the employer or employers to have the same measured and branded by the sealer of weights and measures, under the penalty heretofore enacted for refusal to have the sealer's mark or brand placed on the cars, carts and wagons. 1850, April 6, P.L. 387, Sec. 4.