

CHAPTER 184

Laws
3 of 1882
13 of 1962

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW

[28th April, 1883]

1. This Law may be cited as the Weights and Measures Law. Short title.

2. As soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Law, the Justices and Vestry of these Islands shall procure as many sets of Imperial standard weights and measures, of length, weight, and capacity as there are Districts in these Islands, and when the same have been obtained, one set shall be deposited and kept at the Court House in each district and shall be marked for identification in such way as the Magistrate may determine. Justices to procure standard weights and measures; their custody.

3. The Magistrate shall appoint for each District an Inspector of Weights and Measures, who shall be custodian of the standard weights and measures aforesaid, and who shall at least once a quarter inspect all weights and measures used by any vendor of goods, wares, or merchandise within the district, and test the same so as to ascertain whether they correspond to the standard weights and measures aforesaid. Inspectors to be appointed.

4. Any such vendor as aforesaid who has in his possession any weights or measures short of the said standard or who refuses to allow the Inspector of Weights and Measures to inspect and test his weights or measures or fails to produce to such Inspector any weights or measures in his possession or otherwise obstructs the said Inspector in the performance of the duties hereby imposed on him shall, on summary conviction thereof before two Justices, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered in default of payment by distress and sale, and in default of sufficient distress any person convicted as aforesaid may be sentenced by any two Justices to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months. Penalty for possession of short weights and refusal to allow inspection, or for obstruction.
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Use or possession of unjust weights or weighing machines.

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5. Any person engaged in buying or selling or uses any weighing machine which is unjust, or any weight or measure other than those authorized by this Law, or which is found unjust, or who has in his possession for the purposes of trade any such unjust weight, measure or weighing machine, shall, on summary conviction before the Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds or to imprisonment for not exceeding three months; and every such light or unjust weighing machine, weight and measure, shall, on being discovered by the Inspector, be seized, and on conviction of the person using or possessing the same shall be liable to be forfeited and destroyed.