

ASSEMBLY, No. 392

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman HECK

1 AN ACT concerning registration and inspection fees for weights and  
2 measures and supplementing Title 51 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. All weights and measures used or possessed for current use  
8 within any county may be registered with the superintendent of  
9 weights and measures of that county. The county superintendent may  
10 charge a registration fee to cover the costs of registering, inspecting  
11 or testing weighing or measuring devices. Weights and measures  
12 which are subject to this act shall include, but are not limited to the  
13 following:

14 a. Weights and measures for buying or selling any commodity or  
15 object;

16 b. Weights and measures for hire or award;

17 c. Weights and measures for computing any charge or payment of  
18 services rendered on the basis of weight and measurement; and

19 d. Weights and measures for determining any weight and measure  
20 for a charge.

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22 2. An applicant for registration shall submit an application to the  
23 county superintendent and, if required by the county superintendent,  
24 pay the appropriate registration fee established in section 5 of this act.

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26 3. a. All registrations for a weight and measure will expire one  
27 year from the effective date of the registration.

28 b. A registration may be renewed annually for an additional one  
29 year term, if the applicant is the owner or possessor of a weight and  
30 measure, pays the applicable fee and submits a renewal application on  
31 a form provided by the county superintendent.

32 c. The owner or possessor of a weight and measure shall display  
33 the registration conspicuously at each place of business where the  
34 weight and measure is located.

35 d. If the weight and measure is sold, transferred, or moved to a

1 new location, the owner or possessor of a weight and measure shall  
2 notify the county superintendent.

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4 4. The county superintendent shall have the authority to collect  
5 fees for the inspection and testing of all weights and measures,  
6 weighing and measuring devices and systems and accessories related  
7 thereto within his jurisdiction.

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9 5. The fees for registering, inspecting and testing each weight and  
10 measure used for commercial purposes under this act shall be as  
11 follows:

15	CHARGE		LATE
16	<u>FEE SCHEDULE</u>		<u>PENALTY</u>
18	<u>Scales and Meters</u>		
19	Scales	\$25 each	\$10 each
20	Fuel Pump Dispensers	\$25 per hose	\$10 per hose
21	Fuel Truck Meters	\$75 per meter	\$25 per meter
22	Rack Meters	\$75 each	\$25 each
23	Pill Counters	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
24	Scanners	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
25	Measuregraphs	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
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27	<u>Timing Devices</u>		
28	Tire Inflators	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
29	Vacuums	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
30	Laundromat Dryers		
31	Machines	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
32	Self-Service Car		
33	Wash Apparatus	\$10 each	\$ 5 each
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35 6. Payment of the fee is due within 30 days of the registration,  
36 inspection or testing of the weight and measure, and payments  
37 submitted after 30 days shall include the late charge penalty, as listed  
38 in section 5 of this act for each week that the registration is late, in  
39 addition to the registration, inspection or testing fee.

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41 7. All fees collected under this act shall be deposited into a special  
42 fund established by each county and shall be used solely to pay for the  
43 expenses incurred by the county for the registration, inspection and  
44 testing activities established by this act.

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46 8. Any weight or measure which is not included in the fee schedule

1 established in section 5 of this act, and which is used or possessed for  
2 use after the effective date of this act, will be subject to a fee to be  
3 determined by the county superintendent of the county where the  
4 weight and measure is located.

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6 9. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

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9 STATEMENT

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11 This bill would establish an optional system in which a county office  
12 of weights and measures could require the registration for a fee, of all  
13 weights and measures within the jurisdiction of the county  
14 superintendent of weights and measures.

15 The bill provides that if the county so chooses, all weights and  
16 measures used or possessed for current use would be required to be  
17 registered with the county superintendent of weights and measures.  
18 The county superintendent is authorized to charge a registration fee to  
19 defray the costs of registering, inspecting or testing weighing or  
20 measuring devices. The weights and measures which would be subject  
21 to the provisions of the bill include: weights and measures for buying  
22 or selling any commodity or object; weights and measures for hire or  
23 award; weights and measures for computing any charge or payment of  
24 services rendered on the basis of weight and measurement; and  
25 weights and measures for determining any weight and measure for a  
26 charge, such as tire inflators, laundromat dryers and self-service car  
27 wash apparatus.

28 The bill would require that an applicant for registration submit an  
29 application to the county superintendent and pay the appropriate  
30 registration fee, if required by the county superintendent. All  
31 registrations for a weight and measure would be for a period of one  
32 year and renewals would be granted upon submission of a renewal  
33 application along with the applicable renewal fee.

34 The bill provides that the owner of a weight and measure would be  
35 required to display the registration conspicuously at each place of  
36 business where the weight and measure is located. If the weight and  
37 measure is sold, transferred, or moved to a new location, the bill  
38 provides that the owner of a weight and measure must notify the  
39 county superintendent.

40 The bill also grants to the county superintendent the authority to  
41 establish and collect fees for the inspection and testing of all weights  
42 and measures, weighing and measuring devices and systems, and  
43 accessories related to these devices and systems that are located within  
44 the county of his jurisdiction. A fee schedule is established which lists  
45 the registration, inspection or testing fee for scales and meters and  
46 timing devices. If a weight or measure is not currently included in the

1 fee schedule, the bill provides that any such weight or measure used  
2 or possessed for use after the effective date of the act, may be subject  
3 to a fee to be determined by the county superintendent of weights and  
4 measures where the weighty or measure is located.

5 All fees which would be collected in connection with the  
6 requirements of this bill are to be deposited into a special fund  
7 established by each county and further provides that the fees are to be  
8 used to pay for the expenses incurred in connection with the activities  
9 connected to the registration and inspection of weights and measures.

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14 Establishes optional program of weights and measures registration and  
15 inspection fees.

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