



County of Bucks

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Extracts from Pennsylvania Consolidated Weights and Measures Act 155 of 1996, and the National Institutes of Standards and Technology Handbook 44, 2000 Edition.

- 1. STATEMENT OF RATES:** The price in terms of money per unit or units of time for the service dispensed and the number of coins the device will accept and be activated by at one time, shall be clearly, prominently, and conspicuously displayed. *H.B. 44, Section 5.55, UR.1*
- 2. RESPONSIBILITY, MONEY-OPERATED DEVICES:** Money-operated devices other than parking meters shall have clearly and conspicuously displayed thereon, or immediately adjacent thereto, adequate information detailing the method for the return of monies paid when the product or service cannot be obtained. This information shall include the name, address, and phone number of the local responsible party for the device. This requirement does not apply to devices at locations where employees are present and responsible for resolving any monetary discrepancies for the customer. *H.B. 44, Section 1.10, G-UR.3.4.*
- 3. REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION NOTIFICATION IS THE REPAIR PERSON OR INSTALLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** The Weights and Measures Office must be notified within 48 hours of installation of new equipment or repairs to existing equipment. After notification, the owner(s) may use the device for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days while waiting for Weights and Measures inspection of the device. *Pa. Title 70, 6.6*
- 4. HELPFUL REMINDER TO DEVICE OWNERS/MANAGERS:** If you find your device is not working properly, it is your duty to have it repaired then, not just when a weights and measures inspector rejects it. If you cannot make the necessary adjustments yourself, then you should secure the assistance of a reputable repair service.

REGISTRATION FEE: Beginning January 2001 all weights and measures devices in commercial use in Bucks County must be registered with the Bucks County Department of Weights and Measures. Each device requires an annual fee to be paid. Invoices will be sent to businesses in the early part of each year.

Devices may be subject to an additional \$25 fee in the case of a failed inspection when a re-inspection is necessary.