

1 H.184

2 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

3 Date:

4 Subject: Executive Branch fees

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust certain
6 Executive Branch fees.

7 An act relating to Executive Branch fees

8 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

9 * * * Secretary of State * * *

10 * * * Office of Professional Regulation * * *

11 * * * Osteopathy * * *

12 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1794 is amended to read:

13 § 1794. FEES

14 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
15 fees:

16 (1) Application

17 (A) Licensure \$500.00

18 (B) Limited temporary license \$50.00

19 (2) Biennial license renewal ~~\$500.00~~ \$350.00

20 (3) Annual limited temporary license renewal \$100.00

1 (1) ~~Initial processing~~ Processing of application ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00

2 (2) Issuance of ~~initial~~ license ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 per year for the term of the
3 license

4 (3) ~~Renewal~~ Issuance of license ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 per year for the term of
5 the renewal

6 (4) ~~Replacement~~ Official copy of license \$10.00

7 ~~(5) Duplicate license \$3.00~~

8 (b) Fees collected under this section shall be credited to special funds
9 established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and
10 shall be available to the ~~department~~ Department to offset the costs of providing
11 those services.

12 * * * Department of Health * * *

13 * * * X-ray Equipment Fees * * *

14 Sec. 8. 18 V.S.A. § 1652(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) Applicants for registration of X-ray equipment shall pay an annual
16 registration fee of ~~\$45.00~~ \$85.00 per piece of equipment.

17 * * * Food and Lodging Establishment Fees * * *

18 Sec. 9. 18 V.S.A. § 4353 is amended to read:

19 § 4353. FEES

20 (a) The following fees shall be paid annually to the ~~board~~ Board at the time
21 of making the application according to the following schedules:

1 ~~(1) Restaurant I – Seating capacity of 0 to 25; ~~\$85.00~~ ~~\$175.00~~ \$150.00~~
2 ~~II — Seating capacity of 26 to 50; ~~\$145.00~~ \$250.00~~
3 ~~III — Seating capacity of 51 to 100; ~~\$245.00~~ \$400.00~~
4 ~~IV — Seating capacity of 101 to 200; ~~\$305.00~~ \$500.00~~
5 ~~V — Seating capacity of over 200; ~~\$390.00~~ \$600.00~~
6 ~~VI — Home Caterer; ~~\$95.00~~ \$150.00~~
7 ~~VII — Commercial Caterer; ~~\$200.00~~ \$225.00~~
8 ~~VIII — Limited Operations; ~~\$95.00~~ \$125.00~~
9 ~~IX — Fair Stand; ~~\$70.00~~ \$125.00; if operating for four or~~
10 ~~more days per year; ~~\$160.00~~ \$250.00~~

~~(1) Restaurant I – Seating capacity of 0 to 25; ~~\$85.00~~ \$110.00~~

~~II — Seating capacity of 26 to 50; ~~\$145.00~~ \$200.00~~

~~III — Seating capacity of 51 to 100; ~~\$245.00~~ \$300.00~~

~~IV — Seating capacity of 101 to 200; ~~\$305.00~~ \$500.00~~

~~V — Seating capacity of over 200; ~~\$390.00~~ \$600.00~~

~~VI — Home Caterer; ~~\$95.00~~ \$150.00~~

~~VII — Commercial Caterer; ~~\$200.00~~ \$225.00~~

~~VIII — Limited Operations; ~~\$95.00~~ \$125.00~~

~~IX — Fair Stand; ~~\$70.00~~ \$125.00; if operating for four or
more days per year; ~~\$160.00~~ \$250.00~~

(2) Lodging I — Lodging capacity of 1 to 10; ~~\$80.00~~ \$135.00

1 (a) A person owning or conducting a bakery as specified in sections 4441
2 and 4444 of this title shall pay to the ~~board~~ Board a fee for each certificate and
3 renewal thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

4 Bakery I – Home Bakery; ~~\$55.00~~ \$100.00

5 II – Small Commercial; ~~\$125.00~~ \$200.00

6 III – Large Commercial; ~~\$250.00~~ \$350.00

7 IV – Camps; ~~\$90.00~~ \$150.00

8 (b) The ~~commissioner of the department of health~~ Commissioner of Health
9 will be the final authority on definition of categories contained herein.

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11 Sec. 11. REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMBINATION

12 LICENSES FOR FOOD AND LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

13 On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Health shall submit to
14 the House Committee on Human Services, the House Committee on Ways and
15 Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance a report with recommendations
16 designed to achieve licensing efficiencies, including risk-based inspections and
17 combination licenses for food retailers and food and lodging establishments.

18 The report shall include:

19 (1) a summary of how other New England states license such
20 establishments and identify any other state that has a valuable model;

1 (2) a description of available models that include risk-based inspections
2 and combination licenses;

3 (3) any recommendation of revenue-neutral fee structure changes that
4 would improve efficiency for both the Department and licensees.

5 * * * Board of Medical Practice Fees * * *

6 * * * Podiatry * * *

7 Sec. 12. 26 V.S.A. § 374 is amended to read:

8 § 374. FEES; LICENSES

9 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
10 fees:

11 (1) Application for licensure, ~~\$625.00~~ \$650.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall
12 use at least \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont
13 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
14 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

15 (2) Biennial renewal, ~~\$500.00~~ \$525.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall use at
16 least \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont
17 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
18 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

19 * * * Medicine * * *

20 Sec. 13. 26 V.S.A. § 1401a is amended to read:

21 § 1401a. FEES

1 (a) The ~~department of health~~ Department of Health shall collect the
2 following fees:

3 (1) Application for licensure, ~~\$625.00~~ \$650.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall
4 use at least \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont
5 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
6 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

7 (2) Biennial renewal, ~~\$500.00~~ \$525.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall use at
8 least \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont
9 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
10 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

11 (3) Initial limited temporary license; annual renewal ~~\$70.00~~ \$75.00.

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13 * * * Anesthesiologist Assistants * * *

14 Sec. 14. 26 V.S.A. § 1662 is amended to read:

15 § 1662. FEES

16 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
17 fees:

18 (1)(A)(i) Original application for certification, ~~\$115.00~~ \$120.00;

19 (ii) Each additional application, ~~\$50.00~~ \$55.00;

20 (B) The ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support
21 the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner

1 Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees
2 for the protection of the public.

3 (2)(A)(i) Biennial renewal, ~~\$115.00~~ \$120.00;

4 (ii) Each additional renewal, ~~\$50.00~~ \$55.00;

5 (B) The ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support
6 the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner
7 Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees
8 for the protection of the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for
9 certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the ~~board~~
10 Board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the
11 NCCAA.

12 (3) Transfer of certification, ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00.

13 * * * Physician Assistants * * *

14 Sec. 15. 26 V.S.A. § 1740 is amended to read:

15 § 1740. FEES

16 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
17 fees:

18 (1) Original application for licensure, ~~\$170.00~~ \$225.00; the ~~board~~ Board
19 shall use at least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the
20 Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which

1 monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the
2 public.

3 (2) Biennial renewal, ~~\$170.00~~ \$215.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall use at
4 least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont
5 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
6 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

7 * * * Radiologist Assistants * * *

8 Sec. 16. 26 V.S.A. § 2862 is amended to read:

9 § 2862. FEES

10 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
11 fees:

12 (1)(A)(i) Original application for certification ~~\$115.00~~ \$120.00;

13 (ii) Each additional application ~~\$ 50.00~~ \$55.00;

14 (B) The ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support
15 the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner
16 Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees
17 for the protection of the public.

18 (2)(A)(i) Biennial renewal ~~\$115.00~~ \$120.00;

19 (ii) Each additional renewal ~~\$ 50.00~~ \$55.00;

20 (B) The ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support
21 the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner

1 Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees
2 for the protection of the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for
3 certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the ~~board~~
4 Board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the
5 ARRT and is licensed as a radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this
6 title.

7 (3) Transfer of certification ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00.

8 * * * Agency of Natural Resources/Natural Resource Board * * *

9 Sec. 17. 30 V.S.A. § 248 is amended to read:

10 § 248. NEW GAS AND ELECTRIC PURCHASES, INVESTMENTS, AND
11 FACILITIES; CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD

12 (a)(1) No company, as defined in section 201 of this title, may:

13 * * *

14 (4)(A) With respect to a facility located in the State, the Public Service
15 Board shall hold a nontechnical public hearing on each petition for such
16 finding and certificate in at least one county in which any portion of the
17 construction of the facility is proposed to be located.

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19 (E) The Agency of Natural Resources shall appear as a party in any
20 proceedings held under this subsection, shall provide evidence and
21 recommendations concerning any findings to be made under subdivision (b)(5)

1 of this section, and may provide evidence and recommendations concerning
2 any other matters to be determined by the Board in such a proceeding.

3 (5) On filing an application under this section, an applicant for an
4 in-state facility shall pay a fee for the purpose of compensating the State of
5 Vermont for the direct and indirect costs incurred with respect to the review of
6 the application and the administration of certain State programs involved in
7 this review.

8 (A) The fee shall be \$2.50 for each \$1,000.00 of construction costs.
9 In no event shall the fee exceed \$150,000.00.

10 (B) The fee shall be deposited into the Natural Resources
11 Management Fund and allocated to the Agency of Natural Resources.

12 (C) The Board shall not require a fee for an application under this
13 section for a net metering system with a capacity less than or equal to 150 kw
14 or a facility to be undertaken and owned by an agency of the State or a political
15 subdivision of the State.

16 (D) Nothing in this subdivision (5) shall affect the authority of the
17 Agency of Natural Resources to retain personnel and allocate costs under
18 sections 20 and 21 of this title, except that, if the costs of regular employees
19 are allocated under section 21 of this title to an applicant paying a fee under
20 this subdivision, the allocated amount shall be offset by the portion of the fee
21 available to the allocating agency.

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Sec. 18. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

§ 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

(a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to the following fees for the purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

(1) For projects involving construction, ~~\$5.40~~ \$6.65 for each \$1,000.00 of the first \$15,000,000.00 of construction costs, and ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.12 for each \$1,000.00 of construction costs above \$15,000,000.00. An additional \$0.75 for each \$1,000.00 of the first \$15,000,000.00 of construction costs shall be paid to the Agency of National Resources to account for the Agency of Natural Resources' review of Act 250 applications.

(2) For projects involving the creation of lots, ~~\$100.00~~ \$125.00 for each lot.

(3) For projects involving exploration for or removal of oil, gas, and fissionable source materials, a fee as determined under subdivision (1) of this

1 subsection or \$1,000.00 for each day of Commission hearings required for
2 such projects, whichever is greater.

3 (4) For projects involving the extraction of earth resources, including
4 ~~but not limited to~~ sand, gravel, peat, topsoil, crushed stone, or quarried
5 material, the greater of: a fee as determined under subdivision (1) of this
6 subsection; or a fee equivalent to the rate of \$0.02 per cubic yard of the first
7 million cubic yards of the total volume of earth resources to be extracted over
8 the life of the permit, and \$.01 per cubic yard of any such earth resource
9 extraction above one million cubic yards. Extracted material that is not sold or
10 does not otherwise enter the commercial marketplace shall not be subject to the
11 fee. The fee assessed under this subdivision for an amendment to a permit
12 shall be based solely upon any additional volume of earth resources to be
13 extracted under the amendment.

14 (5) For projects involving the review of a master plan, a fee equivalent
15 to \$0.10 per ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,000.00 of total estimated construction costs in current
16 dollars in addition to the fee established in ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision (1) of this
17 subsection for any portion of the project seeing construction approval

18 (6) In no event shall a permit application fee exceed ~~\$150,000.00~~
19 \$165,000.00.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, there
21 shall be a minimum fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$187.50 for original applications and

1 ~~(B) Any person required to register an air contaminant source under~~
2 ~~10 V.S.A. § 555(c) shall submit an annual registration fee in accordance with~~
3 ~~the following registration fee schedule, where the sum of a source's emissions~~
4 ~~of the following air contaminants is greater than five tons per year: sulfur~~
5 ~~dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and~~
6 ~~hydrocarbons:~~

7 ~~Registration: \$0.0335 per pound of emissions of any of these~~
8 ~~contaminants. Where the sum of a source's emission of these contaminants is~~
9 ~~greater than ten tons per year, provided that a plant producing renewable~~
10 ~~energy as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 8002 shall pay an annual fee not exceeding~~
11 ~~\$64,000.00:~~

12 ~~Base registration fee \$1,500.00; and \$0.0335 per pound of emissions~~
13 ~~of any of these contaminants.~~

14 (B) Annual registration. Any person required to register an air
15 contaminant source under 10 V.S.A. § 555(c) shall annually pay the following:

16 (i) base fee where the sum of a source's emissions of sulfur
17 dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and
18 hydrocarbons is:

19 (I) ten tons or greater: \$1,500.00;

20 (II) less than ten tons but greater than or equal to five tons:

21 \$1,000.00; and

1 ~~(bb) Renewal, transfer, or minor~~ \$0.00
2 ~~amendment of individual permit.~~
3 ~~(cc) General permit.~~ \$0.00
4 (II) Nonsewage Underground
5 injection; original permit.
6 (aa) ~~Individual permit:~~ \$0.06 per gallon
7 ~~original application;~~ ~~capacity design; minimum~~
8 ~~amendment for increased~~ ~~\$400.00 per application.~~
9 ~~flows; amendment for~~
10 ~~modification or replacement~~
11 ~~of system.~~ For applications \$500.00 and \$0.10 for
12 where the discharge meets each gallon per day
13 groundwater enforcement over 2,000 gallons
14 standards at the point of per day.
15 discharge:
16 ~~(bb) Renewal, transfer, or~~ \$0.00
17 ~~minor amendment of~~
18 ~~individual permit~~
19 ~~(bb) For applications where~~ \$1,500.00 and \$0.20 for
20 the discharge meets groundwater each gallon per day
21 enforcement standards at the over 2,000 gallons

1 per day.
2 (bb) For applications where \$1,500.00 and \$0.02
3 the discharge meets for each gallon per day
4 groundwater enforcement over 2,000 gallons
5 standards at the point of per day.
6 compliance:

7 (cc) Approval under general \$220.00.
8 permit;

9 (C) The Secretary shall bill all persons who hold discharge permits
10 for the required annual operating fee. Annual operating fees may be divided
11 into semiannual or quarterly billings.

12 (3) [Repealed.]

13 (4) For potable water supply and wastewater permits issued under
14 10 V.S.A. chapter 64. Projects under this subdivision include: a wastewater
15 system, including a sewerage connection; and a potable water supply,
16 including a connection to a public water supply:

17 (A) Original applications, or major amendments for a project with the
18 following proposed design flows. In calculating the fee, the highest proposed
19 design flow whether wastewater or water shall be used:

20 (i) design flows 560 gpd or less: ~~\$245.00~~ \$306.25 per application.

1 (ii) design flows greater than 560 and less than or equal to 2,000
2 gpd: ~~\$580.00~~ \$870.00 per application.

3 (iii) design flows greater than 2,000 and less than or equal to
4 6,500 gpd: ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$3,000.00 per application.

5 (iv) design flows greater than 6,500 and less than or equal to
6 10,000 gpd: ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$7,500.00 per application.

7 (v) design flows greater than 10,000 gpd: ~~\$9,500.00~~ \$13,500.00
8 per application.

9 (B) Minor amendments: ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.

10 ~~(C) Special fees~~

11 ~~(i) Original application or~~ ~~\$135.00~~
12 ~~amendment solely for con-~~
13 ~~struction of grease trap,~~
14 ~~due to change in use,~~
15 ~~no increase in design flow.~~

16 ~~(ii) Original application or~~ ~~\$135.00.~~
17 ~~amendment solely for con-~~
18 ~~struction of holding tank~~
19 ~~for nondomestic wastewater~~
20 ~~when nondomestic wastewater~~
21 ~~will be transported off site.~~

1 ~~(iii) Original application or~~ \$50.00
2 ~~amendment for initial~~
3 ~~connection by an existing~~
4 ~~building or structure~~
5 ~~to a municipal water~~
6 ~~or wastewater system at~~
7 ~~the time is first con-~~
8 ~~structed where there is~~
9 ~~no increase in design~~
10 ~~flow and where the con-~~
11 ~~nection and system has~~
12 ~~been reviewed and ap-~~
13 ~~proved by the facilities~~
14 ~~engineering division of~~
15 ~~the agency or has been~~
16 ~~reviewed, approved, and~~
17 ~~certified by a licensed~~
18 ~~designer retained by~~
19 ~~the municipality.~~
20 ~~(iv)(D)(C)~~ Minor projects: \$180.00. \$270.00.

1 (F) For facilities permitted to withdraw groundwater pursuant to
2 10 V.S.A. § 1418: \$2,300.00 annually per facility.

3 (G) In calculating flow-based fees under this subsection, the
4 Secretary will use metered production flows where available. When metered
5 production flows are not available, the Secretary shall estimate flows based on
6 the standard design flows for new construction.

7 (H) The Secretary shall bill public water supplies and bottled water
8 companies for the required fee. Annual fees may be divided into semiannual
9 or quarterly billings.

10 (8) For public water system operator certifications issued under
11 10 V.S.A. § 1674:

12 (A) For class IA and IB operators: \$45.00 per initial
13 certificate or renewal.
14 ~~Operators who are also~~
15 ~~permittees under the~~
16 ~~transient noncommunity~~
17 ~~water system general~~
18 ~~permit are not subject to~~
19 ~~this fee.~~

20 (B) For all other classes: \$80.00 per initial
21 certificate or renewal.

1 (1) ~~Contaminants which cause short-term irritant effects~~ ~~—\$0.012 per~~
2 ~~pound of emissions;~~ Where the emissions are resulting from the combustion of
3 any of the following fuels in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment:

4 (A)(i) Wood - \$0.1915 per ton burned; or

5 (ii) Wood burned in electric utility units with advanced particulate
6 matter and nitrogen oxide reduction technologies - \$0.0607 per ton burned;

7 (B) No. 4, 5, 6 grade fuel oil and used oil - \$0.0015 per gallon
8 burned;

9 (C) No. 2 grade fuel oil - \$0.0005 per gallon burned;

10 (D) Propane - \$0.0003 per gallon burned;

11 (E) Natural gas - \$2.745 per million cubic feet burned;

12 (F) Diesel generator - \$0.0055 per gallon burned;

13 (G) Gas turbine using No. 2 grade fuel oil - \$0.0022 per gallon
14 burned.

15 (2) ~~Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (low potency)-~~
16 ~~\$0.0225 per pound of emissions;~~ For the emission of any hazardous air
17 contaminant not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection:

18 (A) Contaminants which cause short-term irritant effects - \$0.02 per
19 pound of emissions;

20 (B) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity - \$0.04 per
21 pound of emissions;

1 (C) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer - \$0.95 per
2 pound of emissions.

3 ~~(3) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (high potency)–~~
4 ~~\$0.03 per pound of emissions;~~

5 ~~(4) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (low potency)–~~
6 ~~\$0.825 per pound of emissions;~~

7 ~~(5) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (high potency)–~~
8 ~~\$15.00 per pound of emissions.~~

9 ~~(1) Commencing with registration year 1993 and for each year thereafter,~~
10 ~~any person required to pay a fee to register an air contaminant source under~~
11 ~~10 V.S.A. § 555(c) in addition shall pay the following fees for emissions of~~
12 ~~hazardous air contaminants resulting from the combustion of any of the~~
13 ~~following fuels in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment.~~

14 ~~(1) Coal – \$0.645 per ton burned;~~

15 ~~(2)(A) Wood – \$0.155 per ton burned; or~~

16 ~~(B) Wood burned with an operational electrostatic precipitator and~~
17 ~~NOx reduction technologies – \$0.0375 per ton burned;~~

18 ~~(3) No. 6 grade fuel oil – \$0.00075 per gallon burned;~~

19 ~~(4) No. 4 grade fuel oil – \$0.0006 per gallon burned;~~

20 ~~(5) No. 2 grade fuel oil – \$0.0003 per gallon burned;~~

21 ~~(6) Liquid propane gas – \$0.0003 per gallon burned;~~

(a) A commercial hauler desiring to transport waste within the State shall apply to the Secretary for a permit to do so, by submitting an application on a form prepared for this purpose by the Secretary and by submitting the disclosure statement described in section 6605f of this title. These permits shall have a duration of five years and shall be renewed annually. The application shall indicate the nature of the waste to be hauled. The Secretary may specify conditions that the Secretary deems necessary to assure compliance with State law.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Commercial hauler" means:

(A) any person that transports regulated quantities of hazardous waste; and

(B) any person that transports solid waste for compensation in a vehicle.

(2) The commercial hauler required to obtain a permit under this section is the legal or commercial entity that is transporting the waste, rather than the individual employees and subcontractors of the legal or commercial entity. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the sole proprietor is the commercial entity.

(3) The Secretary shall not require a commercial hauler to obtain a permit under this section, comply with the disclosure requirements of this

section, comply with the reporting and registration requirements of section 6608 of this title, or pay the fee specified in 3 V.S.A. § 2822, if:

(A) the commercial hauler does not transport more than four cubic yards of solid waste at any time; and

(B) the solid waste transportation services performed are incidental to other nonwaste transportation-related services performed by the commercial hauler.

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(g)(1) Except as set forth in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, a ~~transporter certified under this section~~ commercial hauler that offers the collection of municipal solid waste shall:

* * *

(2) In a municipality that has adopted a solid waste management ordinance addressing the collection of mandated recyclables, leaf and yard residuals, or food residuals, a ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler in that municipality is not required to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection and subsection (h) of this section for the material addressed by the ordinance if the ordinance:

* * *

(3) A ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler is not required to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection in a specified area within a municipality if:

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(h) A ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler certified under this section that offers the collection of municipal solid waste may not charge a separate line item fee on a bill to a residential customer for the collection of mandated recyclables, provided that a ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler may charge a fee for all service calls, stops, or collections at a residential property and a ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler may charge a tiered or variable fee based on the size of the collection container provided to a residential customer or the amount of waste collected from a residential customer. A ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler certified under this section may incorporate the cost of the collection of mandated recyclables into the cost of the collection of solid waste and may adjust the charge for the collection of solid waste. A ~~transporter~~ commercial hauler certified under this section that offers the collection of solid waste may charge a separate fee for the collection of leaf and yard residuals or food residuals from a residential customer.

1 Sec. 22. ~~32 V.S.A. § 710 is amended to read: [Deleted]~~

2 ~~§ 710. PAYMENT OF STATE AGENCY FEES~~

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1 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fees shall be charged~~
2 for reviews, inspections, or nonoperating permits issued by the Department of
3 Public Safety, a District Environmental Commission, and the Agency of
4 Natural Resources for:

5 (1) Any project undertaken by the Department of Buildings and General
6 Services, the Agency of Natural Resources or the Agency of Transportation
7 which is authorized or funded in whole or in part by the capital construction
8 act introduced pursuant to section 701a of this title except for those fees
9 established under 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(2)(A)(iii), (j)(10), (j)(11), and (j)(26).

10 (2) Any project undertaken by a municipality, which is funded in whole
11 or in part by a grant or loan from the Agency of Natural Resources or the
12 Agency of Transportation financed by an appropriation of a capital
13 construction act introduced pursuant to section 701a of this title except for
14 those fees established under 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(2)(A)(iii), (j)(7)(A) and (B),
15 (j)(10), (j)(11), and (j)(26). However, all such fees shall be paid for reviews,
16 inspections, or permits required by municipal solid waste facilities developed
17 by a solid waste district which serves, or is expected to serve, in whole or in
18 part, parties located outside its own district boundaries pursuant to 10 V.S.A.
19 chapter 159.

1 * * * Department of Fish and Wildlife * * *

2 Sec. 23. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

3 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

4 (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the
5 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

6	(1) Fishing license	\$25.00 <u>\$26.00</u>
7	(2) Hunting license	\$25.00 <u>\$26.00</u>
8	(3) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$40.00 <u>\$41.00</u>
9	(4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
10	(A) archery license	\$23.00
11	(B) muzzle loader license	\$23.00
12	(C) turkey license	\$23.00
13	(D) second muzzle loader license	\$17.00
14	(E) second archery license	\$17.00
15	(F) moose license	\$100.00
16	(G) season bear tag	\$5.00
17	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
18	(5) Trapping license	\$20.00 <u>\$23.00</u>
19	(6) Hunting license for persons aged 17 years	
20	<u>of age</u> or under	\$8.00
21	(7) Trapping license for persons aged 17 years	

1	<u>of age</u> or under	\$10.00
2	(8) Fishing license for persons aged 15 through 17	
3	<u>years of age</u>	\$8.00
4	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
5	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$10.00 <u>\$11.00</u>
6	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for	
7	persons aged 17 <u>years of age</u> or under	\$12.00
8	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00
9	(b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the	
10	Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:	
11	(1) Fishing license	\$50.00 <u>\$51.00</u>
12	(2) One-day fishing license	\$20.00 <u>\$21.00</u>
13	(3) [Repealed.]	
14	(4) Hunting license	\$100.00
15	(5) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$135.00
16	(6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
17	(A) archery license	\$38.00
18	(B) muzzle loader license	\$40.00
19	(C) turkey license	\$38.00
20	(D) [Repealed.]	
21	(E) [Repealed.]	

1	(F) moose license	\$350.00
2	(G) early season bear tag	\$15.00
3	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$38.00
4	(7) Small game licenses	
5	(A) all season	\$50.00
6	(B) [Repealed.]	
7	(8) Trapping license	\$300.00 <u>\$305.00</u>
8	(9) Hunting licenses for persons aged <u>17 years of age</u>	
9	or under	\$25.00
10	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$22.00 <u>\$23.00</u>
11	(11) Seven-day fishing license	\$30.00 <u>\$31.00</u>

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13 * * * Labor * * *

14 * * * Workers' Compensation Fund * * *

15 Sec. 24. WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

16 For fiscal year 2016, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A.
17 § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly has established that
18 the rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers'
19 compensation insurance shall be set at the rate of 1.45 percent established in
20 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 191, Sec. 7, notwithstanding 21 V.S.A. § 711(a).
21 The contribution rate for self-insured workers' compensation losses and

1 workers' compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A.
2 chapter 9 shall remain at one percent.

3 * * * Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets * * *

4 Sec. 25. 6 V.S.A. § 3022(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Any person who is the owner of any bees, apiary, colony, or hive shall
6 pay a \$10.00 annual registration fee for each location of hives. The fee
7 revenue, ~~together with any other funds appropriated to the Agency for this~~
8 ~~purpose,~~ shall be collected by the Secretary and credited to the Weights and
9 Measures Testing Fund to be used to offset the costs of inspection services and
10 to provide educational services and technical assistance to beekeepers in the
11 State.

12 Sec. 26. 9 V.S.A. § 2632(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) Fees and reimbursements of costs collected by the Agency of
14 Agriculture, Food and Markets under the provisions of this chapter and
15 6 V.S.A. § 3022 shall be credited to a weights and measures special fund and
16 shall be available to the Agency to offset the costs of implementing this
17 chapter and 6 V.S.A. chapter 172.

18 * * * Agency of Commerce and Community Development * * *

19 Sec. 27. 10 V.S.A. § 128 is added to read:

20 § 128. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
21 SPECIAL FUND

1 (a) A Special Fund is created for the operation of the Vermont Center for
2 Geographic Information in the Agency of Commerce and Community
3 Development. The Fund shall consist of revenues derived from the charges by
4 the Agency of Commerce and Community Development pursuant to
5 subsection (c) of this section for the provision of Geographic Information
6 products and services, interest earned by the Fund, and sums which from time
7 to time may be made available for the support of the Center and its operations.
8 The Fund shall be established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7,
9 subchapter 5 and shall be available to the Agency to support activities of the
10 Center.

11 (b) The receipt and expenditure of monies from the Special Fund shall be
12 under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Community
13 Development.

14 (c) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the Secretary of Commerce and
15 Community Development is authorized to impose charges reasonably related
16 to the costs of the products and services of the Vermont Center for Geographic
17 Information, including the cost of personnel, equipment, supplies, and
18 intellectual property.

19 * * * Consumer Protection * * *

20 * * * Charitable Solicitations * * *

21 Sec. 28. 9 V.S.A. § 2473 is amended to read:

1 § 2473. NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

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3 (f)(1) ~~In~~ For each calendar year in which a paid fundraiser solicits in this
4 State on behalf of a charitable organization, the paid fundraiser shall pay ~~an~~
5 ~~annual~~ a registration fee of \$500.00 to the Attorney General ~~with its first notice~~
6 ~~of~~ no later than ten days prior to its first solicitation in this State.

7 (2) Each notice of solicitation filed in accordance with this section shall
8 be accompanied by a fee of \$200.00. In the case of a campaign lasting more
9 than 12 months, an additional \$200.00 fee shall be paid annually on or before
10 the date of the anniversary of the commencement of the campaign.

11 (3) Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited in a special fund
12 managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available
13 to the Attorney General for the costs of administering sections 2471-2479 of
14 this title.

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16 * * * Motor Vehicles * * *

17 * * * All-terrain Vehicles * * *

18 Sec. 29. 23 V.S.A. § 3504 is amended to read:

19 § 3504. REGISTRATION FEES AND PLATES

1 (a) The registration fee for all-terrain vehicles other than as provided for in
2 subsection (b) of this section is ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00. Duplicate registration
3 certificates may be obtained upon payment of \$5.00 to the Department.

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5 * * * Effective Dates * * *

6 Sec. 30. EFFECTIVE DATES

7 (a) This section and Sec. 25 (apiaries) shall take effect on passage.

8 (b) Sec. 23 (Department of Fish and Wildlife) shall take effect on
9 January 1, 2016.

10 (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 27 (VCGI Special Fund) shall
11 take effect on passage and apply retroactively as of February 8, 2015.

12 (d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2015.