

1 H.136

2 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

3 Date:

4 Subject: Taxation; fees; executive branch

5 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to adjust executive branch fees.

6 An act relating to executive branch fees

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

8 * * * Department of Public Safety * * *

9 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1815(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Photographic prints taken by the department of public safety or
11 photostatic copies of investigation reports or other material on file relating to
12 motor vehicle accidents or fires, may be furnished to any interested person.

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14 (3) Copies of fire investigation reports shall be \$20.00 per report. If the
15 reports contain audiotape or videotape, the fee for each audiotape or videotape
16 ~~shall be \$20.00~~ is \$45.00. No fee shall be charged under this subdivision to a
17 defendant whom the court has determined to be indigent.

18 (4) Investigation reports unrelated to fires or motor vehicle accidents
19 may be furnished at the discretion of the commissioner when ~~in his or her~~
20 ~~opinion~~ the commissioner determines that the release of ~~such~~ the material

1 would not be detrimental to the best interests of the department. The fee for
2 ~~such reports shall be~~ each report is \$20.00. If the reports contain audiotape or
3 videotape, the fee for each audiotape or videotape ~~shall be \$20.00~~ is \$45.00.
4 No fee shall be charged under this subdivision to a defendant whom the court
5 has determined to be indigent.

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7 Sec. 2. PLAN FOR DIGITAL UPGRADE; REPORT; DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC SAFETY

9 The department of public safety shall develop a plan to upgrade its video
10 recording system to a digital system. The department shall submit to the house
11 committee on ways and means a written report outlining the details of the plan,
12 including the possibility of using the Byrne grant for this upgrade, and the
13 expected date of implementation which shall be as soon as practicable. The
14 report and the implementation of the plan may be undertaken immediately, and
15 the report may be submitted anytime before, but no later than, October 15,
16 2009.

17 * * * Agency of Commerce and Community Development * * *

18 * * * Department of Housing and Community Affairs * * *

1 historic property in fee, the transaction shall first be approved by the general
2 assembly.

3 Sec. 4. 22 V.S.A. § 724 is amended to read:

4 § 724. HISTORIC ~~SITES~~ PRESERVATION SPECIAL FUND FUNDS

5 (a) Historic sites operations special fund. ~~There is hereby established a~~
6 ~~fund to be known as the~~ The historic sites operations special fund. ~~This fund~~
7 ~~will be managed~~ is established pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32
8 ~~and~~ to be used by the division for historic preservation to carry out the
9 provisions of subdivisions 723(a)(9) and (b)(1) of this title. Revenues to the
10 fund shall be from the following sources:

11 (1) Receipts from ticket sales at and fees for rental of state-owned
12 historic sites. Notwithstanding subdivision 603(2) of Title 32, fees for
13 admission to and rentals of historic sites shall be set by the state historic
14 preservation officer, with the approval of the commissioner of housing and
15 community affairs, in a manner that both maximizes revenues and promotes
16 the tourism purposes of historic sites, but not to exceed \$8.00 for a single
17 admission. These fees shall be reported in accordance with section 605 of
18 Title 32;

19 (2) Transfers from the accounts of gift shops operated at state-owned
20 historic sites;

1 (3) ~~Gifts~~ Appropriations by the general assembly, gifts, grants, and other
2 donations and moneys from any other source received for historic sites,
3 specimens, or the Vermont archeology heritage center;

4 (4) Income from trust funds held by the treasurer;

5 ~~(5) Other funds as may be appropriated by the legislature.~~

6 (b) Archeology operations special fund. The archeology operations special
7 fund is established pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32 to be used
8 by the division for historic preservation for cost recovery related to activities
9 undertaken by the division to carry out the provisions of sections 723, 761, and
10 762 of this title. Revenues to the fund shall be from the following sources:

11 (1) Fees paid for electronic access to the nonpublic archeological
12 inventory database. The fee shall be \$250.00 per year for each authorized
13 person unless the state historic preservation officer determines that the fee may
14 be paid on a pro rata basis.

15 (2) A \$400.00 one-time fee for each standard banker box of
16 archeological collection for the care and maintenance for perpetuity paid by
17 any person involved in a federally funded, licensed, or permitted project. This
18 fee shall be paid on a pro rata basis for one-half and one-quarter boxes.

19 (3) Appropriations by the general assembly, gifts, grants, and other
20 donations and moneys from any other source received for archeology activities
21 and services performed by the division for historic preservation.

1 actual cost of the analysis to be deposited in a special fund which shall be
2 managed pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of this title and be available to
3 the board to pay the actual cost of the analysis.

4 (1) The state auditor of accounts shall review and audit all active tax
5 increment financing districts every three years.

6 * * * Vermont Community Development Program * * *

7 Sec. 7. 10 V.S.A. § 686(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) The agency shall solicit applications from eligible municipalities. Any
9 eligible municipality desiring to receive funds under this subchapter shall
10 complete and submit an application in a manner as shall be prescribed by the
11 secretary. The agency may require a third party credit analysis as part of the
12 application. The applicant municipality shall pay a fee to cover the actual cost
13 of the analysis to be deposited in a special fund which shall be managed
14 pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32 and be available to the agency
15 to pay the actual cost of the analysis.

16 * * * Secretary of State * * *

17 * * * Professional Regulation * * *

1 * * * Professional Engineering * * *

2 Sec. 9. 26 V.S.A. § 1176 is amended to read:

3 § 1176. FEES

4 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
5 fees:

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| 6 (1) Application for engineering license | \$ 100.00 <u>\$80.00</u> |
| 7 (2) Application for engineer intern certificate | \$50.00 |
| 8 (3) Biennial renewal | \$ 100.00 <u>\$80.00</u> |

9 * * * Department of Labor * * *

10 Sec. 10. 21 V.S.A. § 711(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) A workers' compensation administration fund is created pursuant to
12 subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32 to be expended by the commissioner for
13 the administration of the worker's compensation and occupational disease
14 programs. The fund shall consist of contributions from employers made at a
15 rate of ~~0.81~~ 0.96 percent of the direct calendar year premium for workers'
16 compensation insurance, one percent of self-insured workers' compensation
17 losses, and one percent of worker's compensation losses of corporations
18 approved under the chapter 9 of this title. Disbursements from the fund shall
19 be on warrants drawn by the commissioner of finance and management in
20 anticipation of receipts authorized by this section.

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

2 Sec. 11. Sec. 45(1) of No. 153 of the Acts of 2008 is amended to read:

3 (1) Sec. 13, which shall take effect on ~~April 1, 2009~~ April 2, 2009; and

4 Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009 except:

6 (1) This section and Secs. 1, 6, and 7 shall take effect on passage.

7 (2) Secs. 2 and 11 shall take effect on March 31, 2009 or on passage,

8 whichever is earlier.