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Administration Proposals for Fee Bill 2014 Session (H.XXX = 2014 Act XX)						
Fee Bill Secs Admin	Dept	Contact	Program	Revenue change in FY 2015 (Admin proposal)	Fund	Explanation of Admin proposal
1	Tax Dept / All Depts	Maribeth Spellman, Dir Policy, Outreach & Leg Affairs (828-0141) / Otto Trautz, Finance & Management (828-6450)	Non-Suff Fund Check Charges			Revise statute so that all insufficient funds check charges (penalties) are retained by Departments, instead of a portion or all being deposited in the General Fund. The administrative cost of pursuing insufficient payment cases rests with Departments; currently the state-designated bank does not charge the state treasury (and if it did, the charge would come out of interest earned). Retaining the \$20 penalty would incentivize Departments to pursue non-payments. The loss to the GF if Departments retain the entire \$20 penalty would be about \$12K. Also, propose to increase the scope of the penalty to cover electronic and credit card transactions. And to strike redundant JFC/fee adjustment phrase. Fee last changed in 1997.
				11,488	Special	Tax Dept share
				16,492	TF	AOT TF share.
				16,200	Special	Other Departments' special funds
				(12,000)	GF	GF share.
			Total	32,180		Sub-total for non-sufficient check charges
2	Tax Dept	Maribeth Spellman, Dir Policy, Outreach & Leg Affairs (828-0141)	Current Use (Use Value Appraisal) Filing	60,000	Special	Increase current use filing fee from \$30 to \$70 to cover cost of reviewing current use applications to qualify for the CU program; the actual cost to the Department had not been closely calculated before. The fee was last changed in 2008.
3		Maribeth Spellman, Dir Policy, Outreach & Leg Affairs (828-0141)	Property Tax Appeals Filing	9,550	Special	Increase property tax appeals filing fee from \$70 to \$120. Increase needed to partially offset \$170 administrative cost of appeals; the actual cost to the Department had not been closely calculated before. The fee was last changed in 2006. The alternative route of appeal is to the Superior Court, where the fee is \$250.
				69,550		Tax Dept sub-total
4	Lottery	Greg Smith, Executive Director (479-4284)	Lottery agent license	1,200	Enterprise	Fee will rise from a maximum of \$15 to \$50. Immediate increase will be less, but may rise to \$50 over the next 3 years. Increased fee revenue is calculated at the \$50 amount for expected NEW locations (33) - licenses are perpetual. Increase will cover the Lottery's costs for lottery agent application process, including required background check. Maximum hasn't been increased since 1977.
			Department total	1,200		
5	ACCD/Dept of Tourism & Marketing	Nancy Driscoll, Chief Marketing Officer (828-2999)	Made in VT program/state logo license	56,250	Special	New authorization to charge a fee to participate in the Market Vermont program. Plan is to charge \$150, to cover ACCD and Agriculture costs for promotion of Vermont products.
6	ACCD/Dept of Housing and Community Development	Jennifer Hollar, Deputy Commissioner (828-3258)	Mobile home park registration fee	19,500	Special	Increase fee to mobile park owner from \$9 to \$12 per lot, to cover mediation and legal costs. Fee last set in 1995.
7	ACCD/Dept of Housing and Community Development	Noelle MacKay, Commissioner (828-3080)	Historic site admission fee (not to exceed)	0	Special	Increase in maximum for site admissions from \$8 to \$20 (plan is to increase Coolidge from \$8 to \$12, but leave room for future increases). Also exempt historic site rentals from fee maximum. \$ max last set in 1997. No revenue change is shown because fee (cap) increase may be offset by reduced ticket sales.
7	ACCD/Dept of Housing and Community Development	Noelle MacKay, Commissioner (828-3080)	Archeological collections (banker boxes)	0	Special	Increase in archeological storage charge from \$400 to \$500 per "banker box", and expansion of scope to include state projects as well as federal. Fee last set in 2009. A revenue increase is expected for FY 2015 due to increased activity, <u>not due to the increased fee</u> , so no revenue change is shown here. The fee increase would first affect FY 2016, for only several hundred dollars increase.
			Department total	75,750		
8	Agriculture Agency	Diane Bothfeld, Dep Secretary (828-1619)	Apiary registration	20,000	Special	New fee of \$10/for each hive location. For licensing, technical assistance and a grant to Beekeepers' Association for disease surveillance and mentoring program.
			Department total	20,000		
9	Dept Labor - Workers' Compensation	Steve Monahan, Director, WC and Safety Division, Dept Labor (828-2138)	Workers' Compensation premium assessment	0	Special	The workers' compensation assessment charged on workers' comp premiums paid by employers pays for the Vt Dept of Labor Workers' Comp Division. Statute requires the legislature to set the assessment each year. Propose no change from assessments set last year.
10	Dept Labor - Tramways	Steve Monahan, Director, WC and Safety Division, Dept Labor (828-2138)	Tramways	0		The amendment replaces obsolete and redundant language. The \$25 cap was set in 1981, and does not reflect current consultant rates. The Department has not recently utilized consultants for these purposes, but with staff changes, consultants could be needed in the future.
			Department total	0		
11 - 13	Sec of State - Elections	Will Senning, Dir Elections (828-0175)	Lobbyist fees	40,550	Special	Increase in lobbyist registration and late disclosure fees, which have not changed since 1990/1998. To be used for new lobbyist disclosure database.
14 - 20	Sec of State - Office of Professional Regulation	Chris Winters, Dir OPR (828-2367)	Professional regulation fees	608,845	Special	Annual changes to professional regulation application and license fees, to keep revenues and expenditures in balance for each professional board: increase to professional engineering, nursing, real estate brokers, funeral directors, decrease to optometrists, chiropractors.
			Department total	649,395		
21 - 22	Public Safety	Keith Flynn, Commissioner (244-8718)	Firearms storage fee	0	Special	Law enforcement officers and firearms dealers authorized to charge fees for storage of firearms relinquished per court order. Fee may be used repay loans from the Dept Public Safety to build secure spaces.
			Department total	0		
23	Miscellaneous	Otto Trautz, Finance & Management (828-6450)	Correct name of Agency of Commerce and Community Development	0		Correct name of Agency of Commerce and Community Development
24	Effective date					
			GRAND TOTALS	848,075		
			Special funds	842,383		
			Lottery Enterprise fund	1,200		
			Transportation Fund	16,492		
			General Fund	(12,000)		
				848,075		