

H.735 Fee Bill
Side by Side Comparison

Subject	Administration Proposal	As Passed the House	As Passed the Senate
Returned Payments Penalty	Full \$20 penalty payments for insufficient fund check returns are kept by the Departments instead of a portion going to the General Fund.	Sec. 1 Adopted Administration proposal, but removed extension of penalty to invalid account numbers.	Sec. 1 Same as House.
Qualification for Use Value Appraisal	Increase current use filing fee from \$30 to \$70 to cover cost of reviewing current use applications.	Sec. 2 Adopted Administration proposal.	Sec. 2 Same as House.
Property Tax Appeals Filing	Increase property tax appeals filing fee from \$70 to \$120.	No fee increase.	Same as House.
Lottery Commission	Increase fee from \$15 annual cap to \$50 annual cap.	Sec. 3 Set cap at \$50 per perpetual license for sale of lottery tickets. Removed language indicating it was annual fee.	Sec. 3 Same as House, but added that fee shall be charged <u>at the time the person is first granted a license</u> .
Market Vermont	New authorization to charge a \$150 fee to participate in marketing program.	Sec. 4 Fee set at not-to exceed amount of \$150 per product line to participate in marketing program.	Sec. 4 Same as House.
Mobile Home Park Registration	Increase fee to mobile home park owner from \$9 to \$12 per lot.	Sec. 5 Adopted Administration proposal.	Sec. 5 Same as House.

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Historic Preservation Special Funds	<p>Increase historic site admission cap from \$8 to \$20 and exempt historic site rentals from admissions cap.</p> <p>Increase archeological storage charge from \$400 to \$500 per box and expanded scope to State projects as well as federal projects.</p>	<p>Sec. 6 Set historic site admission cap at \$12 and exempted special events from the admissions cap.</p> <p>Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 6 No fee increase for historic site entrance fees.</p> <p>Same as House.</p>
Workers' Compensation Rate of Contribution	<p>No change from last year: Rate of contribution set at 1.45% for workers' compensation insurance and 1% for self-insured workers' compensation losses.</p>	<p>Sec. 7 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 7 Same as House.</p>
Tramway Inspections	<p>Removes \$25/hour cap on contractor services for inspection and repair of tramways.</p>	<p>Sec. 8 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 8 Same as House.</p>

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OPR: Lobbyists	Increase lobbyist registration and late disclosure fees.	Secs. 9–11 Adopted Administration proposal.	Secs. 9–11 Increases initial lobbyist registration fee from \$25 to \$60 (Admin. proposed \$50). Sets lobbying firm initial listing fee at \$150 (Admin. proposed \$100). Increases employer fee for each lobbyist from \$5 to \$15 (Admin. proposed \$10). Increases fee for each employer represented from \$5 to \$15 (Admin. proposed \$10).
OPR: Chiropractic	Decrease biennial renewal fee from \$365 to \$265.	Sec. 12 Adopted Administration proposal.	Sec. 12 Same as House.
OPR: Professional Engineering	Increase biennial license renewal fee from \$80 to \$100.	Sec. 13 Adopted Administration proposal.	Sec. 13 Same as House.

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<p>OPR: Funeral Directors</p>	<p>Increase license fees:</p> <p>Funeral director: from \$300 to \$600.</p> <p>Embalmer: from \$300 to \$600.</p> <p>Funeral and crematory establishments: from \$540 to \$900.</p> <p>Removal personnel: from \$85 to \$125.</p>	<p>Sec. 14 Adopted Administration proposal except biennial license renewal fee for funeral directors and embalmers, which were set at \$350.</p>	<p>Sec. 14 Set funeral and crematory establishment fees at \$650.</p> <p>Added two new licenses, crematory personnel and limited services establishment licenses, and set the fees at \$85 and \$540 respectively.</p> <p>Rest of fees same as House.</p>
<p>OPR: RNs and LPNs</p>	<p>Increase biennial license renewal fees:</p> <p>Registered nurses: from \$95 to \$140.</p> <p>Advanced Practice RNs: from \$50 to \$75.</p>	<p>Sec. 15 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 15 Same as House.</p>
<p>OPR: Nursing Assistants</p>	<p>Increase biennial license renewal fee from \$20 to \$45.</p>	<p>Sec. 16 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 16 Same as House.</p>
<p>OPR: Optometry</p>	<p>Decrease biennial license renewal from \$525 to \$425.</p>	<p>Sec. 17 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 17 Same as House.</p>

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<p>OPR: Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons</p>	<p>Increase sole proprietor application fee from \$0 to \$50 and biennial renewal fee from \$0 to \$200.</p> <p>Increase biennial renewal fee for broker or salesperson license from \$175 to \$200.</p>	<p>Sec. 18 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Sec. 18 Same as House but changes language from “corporation or partnership” to “<u>brokerage firm or branch office</u>”.</p>
<p>OPR: Psychologists</p>	<p>[No proposal.]</p>	<p>[No similar provision.]</p>	<p>Sec. 18a Removed psychological trainee license fees from statute.</p>

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Firearms Storage	Establishes a fee for the storage of firearms surrendered pursuant to relief from abuse orders.	<p>Secs. 19–21 Law enforcement officers and firearms dealers authorized to charge fees for storage of firearms relinquished pursuant to court order.</p> <p>Fee capped at \$4/week or part thereof and \$25 cap for the retrieval fee.</p> <p>If owner fails to retrieve within 90 days of court order releasing the item, or if owner fails to pay storage fee for 90 days in violation of the fee schedule, item may be sold at public auction. Storage facility shall notify the owner prior to sale with certified letter to last known address.</p> <p>Directs DPS report to Committees on Judiciary by 4/15/14 on implementation of the program.</p>	<p>Secs. 19–20 If Court finds it will adequately protect the safety of the victim, it may order that the firearms be relinquished to a person other than a law enforcement agency or firearms dealer.</p> <p>Law enforcement agency fee capped at \$200 for the first firearm and \$50 for each additional firearm for up to 15 months, prorated on months stored.</p> <p>\$50/per firearm per year thereafter.</p> <p>Firearms dealers may charge fees reasonably related to the expenses they incur in storing the items.</p> <p>If owner fails to retrieve within 90 days of court order releasing firearm, item may be sold.</p> <p>Owner must be noticed of sale by service of process under Rule 4 of Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure.</p>

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Uniform Dispatch Fees	[No proposal.]	[No similar provision.]	Sec. 21 Directs Commissioner of Public Safety to propose a specific fee schedule for dispatch services and report the proposal by January, 2015. Directs the legislature to set the fees in the fee bill by July 2016.
Technical Correction	Corrects name of Agency of Commerce and Community Development in 32 V.S.A. § 605.	Sec. 22 Adopted Administration proposal.	Sec. 22 Same as House.
Judiciary Fees	<p>Increase Supreme and Superior Court fees by 5%, rounded to nearest \$5.</p> <p>Increase filing fee for adoptions from \$75 to \$100.</p> <p>Adds three new probate division fees.</p> <p>Sets legislative intent to authorize judiciary to charge for the use of the electronic case file system.</p>	Secs. 23–25 Adopted judiciary’s proposal.	Secs. 23–25 Same as House, but increased one fee that was inadvertently not increased in House version.

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Vermont Web Portal	<p>Authorize Vermont Web Portal to assess a 3% fee to taxpayer for credit card payments of tax bills to Dept. of Taxes and over-the-counter payments at DMV branch offices.</p> <p>Former fees were 2% on tax payments over \$200 and 2.5% for DMV payments.</p>	<p>Secs. 26–28 Adopted Administration proposal.</p>	<p>Secs. 26–27 Same as House, but re-drafted as session law.</p>
Dispensary Registration	[No proposal.]	[No similar provision.]	<p>Sec. 28 Reduces the annual dispensary registration fee from \$30,000 to <u>\$25,000.00 in years that do not require a biennial audit and \$20,000.00 in subsequent years that require a biennial audit.</u></p>
Universal Service Fund	[No proposal.]	[No similar provision.]	<p>Secs. 29–30 Directs Commissioner of Taxes to investigate revenue generated in other states imposing a universal service charge on prepaid wireless and assess and additional charge or apply a credit if he or she finds Vermont’s USC is not proportionate.</p> <p>Directs the fiscal agent to ensure the USC is assessed on all telecom services under 30 V.S.A. chapter 88.</p>

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Apiary Inspection	Sets new fee of \$10 per hive location to fund inspection services and technical assistance.	[No similar provision.]	Sec. 31 Same as Administration proposal, but directs fee revenue to an existing agency fund.
Effective Dates		Sec. 29 July 1, 2014.	Sec. 32 July 1, 2014 except: July 1, 2015 (apiaries). On passage (effective dates and dispensaries).