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An act relating to authorizing the Vermont Department of Health to charge fees necessary to support Vermont's status as a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement State

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1653 is amended to read:

§ 1653. FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS

(a) The ~~governor~~ Governor, on behalf of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont, may enter into agreements with the federal government providing for discontinuance of certain of the federal government's responsibilities with respect to byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials and the assumption thereof by the ~~state~~ State of Vermont.

(b) In the event of such agreement:

(1) The ~~agency~~ Agency shall provide by rule for general or specific licensing of byproducts, source, special nuclear materials, or devices or equipment utilizing such materials. The rule shall provide for amendment, suspension, or revocation of licenses.

(2) The ~~agency~~ Agency shall be authorized to exempt certain byproduct, source, or special nuclear materials or kinds of uses or users from the licensing or registration requirements set forth in this section when the ~~agency~~ Agency makes a finding that the exemption of such materials or kinds of uses or users will not constitute a significant risk to the health and safety of the public.

(3) The Agency may collect a fee for licenses issued under this section. The fee schedule for these licenses shall be the schedule adopted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and published in 10 C.F.R. § 170.31 that is in effect as of the effective date of this section. Fees collected under this section shall be credited to the Nuclear Regulatory Fund established and managed under subdivision (b)(4) of this section and shall be available to the Agency to offset the costs of providing services under this section.

(4) There is established the Nuclear Regulatory Fund to consist of the fees collected under subdivision (b)(3) of this section and any other monies that may be appropriated to or deposited into the Fund. Balances in the Nuclear Regulatory Fund shall be expended solely for the purposes set forth in this section and shall not be used for the general obligations of government. All balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund, and interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited in the Fund. The Nuclear Regulatory Fund is established in the State Treasury pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

~~(3)~~(5) Any person having a license immediately before the effective date of an agreement under subsection (a) of this section from the federal government or agreement state relating to byproduct material, source material, or special nuclear material and which on the effective date of this agreement is subject to the control of this ~~state~~ State shall be considered to have a like

license with the ~~state~~ State of Vermont until the expiration date specified in the license from the federal government or agreement state or until the end of the ~~ninetieth~~ 90th day after the person receives notice from the ~~agency~~ Agency that the license will be considered expired.

~~(4)~~(6) The ~~agency~~ Agency shall require each person who possesses or uses byproduct, source, or special nuclear materials to maintain records relating to the receipt, storage, transfer, or disposal of such materials and such other records as the ~~agency~~ Agency may require subject to such exemptions as may be provided by rule.

~~(5)~~(7) Violations:

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, manufacture, produce, transport, transfer, receive, acquire, own, or possess any byproduct, source, or special nuclear material unless licensed by or registered with the ~~agency~~ Agency in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The ~~agency~~ Agency shall have the authority in the event of an emergency to impound or order the impounding of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials in the possession of any person who is not equipped to observe or fails to observe the provisions of this chapter or any rules or regulations issued thereunder.

~~(6)~~(8) The provisions of this section relating to the control of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials shall become effective on the effective

date of an agreement between the federal government and this ~~state~~ State as provided in section 1656 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.