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MEMORANDUM

To: Ann Pugh, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

From: Rep. Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Carolyn Branagan, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means

Date: January 23, 2015

Subject: Review of Administration's Proposed FY 2016 Fee Bill

The House Ways and Means Committee has begun work on the Administration's proposed FY 2016 Fee Bill and would like the Committee on Government Operations to review and comment on the following Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Sections 8 relates to the fee for registration of x-ray equipment. Sections 9 and 10 change the fees for food and lodging establishments. Sections 9 and 10 also adjust fees for food processors, seafood vending facilities, and shellfish reshippers and repackers.

Sections 11 through 14 relate to fees for the Board of Medical Practice. Section 11 relates to fees podiatry licenses. Section 12 relates to fees for medical licenses. Section 13 relates to fees for anesthesiologists. Section 14 relates to fees for physicians assistants. Section 15 relates to fees for radiologist's assistants.

Section 16 relates to the Department for Children and Families and increases the mandatory license fee surcharge for the SNIP program.

Please respond with any recommendations by the end of the day on Tuesday February 3rd. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

* * * Department of Health * * *

* * * X-ray Equipment Fees * * *

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

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

* * * Food and Lodging Establishment Fees * * *

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

§ 4353. FEES

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

(1) Restaurant I - Seating capacity of 0 to 25; ~~\$85.00~~ \$200.00

II - Seating capacity of 26 to 50; ~~\$145.00~~ \$250.00

III - Seating capacity of 51 to 100; ~~\$245.00~~ \$375.00

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

V - Seating capacity of over 200; ~~\$390.00~~ \$575.00

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~~ \$150.00

II - Lodging capacity of 11 to 20; ~~\$135.00~~ \$250.00

III - Lodging capacity of 21 to 50; ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00

IV - Lodging capacity of over 50; ~~\$340.00~~ \$500.00

(3) Food processor - a fee for any person or persons that process food for resale to restaurants, stores, or individuals according to the following schedule:

(A) - Gross receipts of \$10,001.00 to \$50,000.00; ~~\$115.00~~ \$175.00

(B) - Gross receipts of over \$50,000.00; ~~\$155.00~~ \$275.00

(4) Seafood vending facility – ~~\$125.00~~ \$225.00, unless operating pursuant to another license issued by the ~~department of health~~ Department of Health and generating less than \$40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually. If generating more than \$40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually, the fee is to be paid regardless of whether the facility is operating pursuant to another license issued by the ~~department of health~~ Department of Health.

(5) Shellfish reshippers and repackers – ~~\$285.00~~ \$375.00.

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

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Sec. 10. 18 V.S.A. § 4446 is amended to read:

§ 4446. FEE

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

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

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

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

IV – Camps; ~~\$90.00~~ \$150.00

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

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* * * Board of Medical Practice Fees * * *

* * * Podiatry * * *

Sec. 11. 26 V.S.A. § 374 is amended to read:

§ 374. FEES; LICENSES

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

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

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

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Sec. 12. 26 V.S.A. § 1401a is amended to read:

§ 1401a. FEES

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

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

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

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

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* * * Anesthesiologists * * *

Sec. 13. 26 V.S.A. § 1662 is amended to read:

§ 1662. FEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* * * Physician Assistants * * *

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

§ 1740. FEES

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

(1) Original application for licensure, ~~\$170.00~~ \$300.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

(2) Biennial renewal, ~~\$170.00~~ \$250.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

* * * Radiologist Assistants * * *

Sec. 15. 26 V.S.A. § 2862 is amended to read:

§ 2862. FEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) The ~~board~~ Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the ~~board~~ Board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the ARRT and is licensed as a radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this title.

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

* * * Department for Children and Families* * *

* * * Dog, Cat and Wolf Hybrid Spaying and Neutering Program * * *

Sec. 16. 20 V.S.A. § 3581(c)(1) is amended to read:

(c)(1) A mandatory license fee surcharge of ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 per license shall be collected by each city, town, or village for the purpose of funding the dog, cat, and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program established in subchapter 6 of chapter 193 of this title.