

1 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

2 Date:

3 Subject: Executive Branch fees

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust certain
5 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 * * * Secretary of State * * *

9 * * * Office of Professional Regulation * * *

10 * * * Osteopathy * * *

11 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1794 is amended to read:

12 § 1794. FEES

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

15 (1) Application

16 (A) Licensure \$500.00

17 (B) Limited temporary license \$50.00

18 (2) Biennial license renewal ~~\$500.00~~ \$350.00

19 (3) Annual limited temporary license renewal \$100.00

1	(3) Biennial renewal	\$315.00 <u>\$200.00</u>
2	(4) Temporary license	\$150.00
3	(5) Prelicensing course review	\$100.00
4	(6) Continuing education course review	\$100.00
5	(7) Appraiser trainee annual registration	\$100.00
6	(8) Appraisal management company registration application	
7		\$125.00
8	(9) Appraisal management company registration renewal	
9		\$500.00 <u>\$400.00</u>

* * * Agency of Education * * *

Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 1697 is amended to read:

§ 1697. FEES

(a) Each individual applicant and licensee shall be subject to the following fees:

15	(1) Initial processing <u>Processing</u> of application	\$40.00
16		<u>\$50.00 per application</u>
17	(2) Issuance of initial <u>Level I</u> license	\$40.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per year
18		for the term of the license
19	(3) Renewal <u>Issuance of Level II</u> license	\$40.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per year
20		for the term of the renewal
21	(4) Replacement of license <u>Official copy of licenses</u>	\$10.00

1 (5) [Repealed.]

2 (6) Issuance of provisional, emergency, or apprenticeship license

3 \$50.00 per year for term of license

4 ~~(6)~~(7) Peer review process \$1,200.00 one-time fee

5 (b) Each Vermont Teacher Preparation Program seeking Results Oriented

6 Program Approval (ROPA) shall be subject to the following fees:

7 (1) New programs. Colleges and universities which do not currently

8 have approved ROPA programs and seek to establish new preparation

9 programs will be charged \$2,000.00 for the initial application of the program

10 for one endorsement area. The charge for each additional endorsement area

11 beyond one will be \$500.00.

12 (2) Expanding endorsements. Colleges and universities which currently

13 have approved ROPA programs and seek to establish new endorsement

14 programs will be charged \$1,000.00 for one new endorsement area. The

15 charge for each additional endorsement area beyond one will be \$500.00.

16 (3) Substantive change.

17 (A) Colleges and universities which currently have approved ROPA

18 programs and seek to implement a substantive change to their program will be

19 charged \$500.00 for the substantive change for one endorsement area. The

20 charge for each additional endorsement area affected by the substantive change

21 beyond one will be \$500.00.

1 (B) Substantive change includes:

2 (i) adding levels of instruction, such as moving from elementary
3 K-12.

4 (ii) fundamentally altering the model of instruction, such as
5 adding a graduate program to an undergraduate program.

6 (4) Endorsement reinstatement. Colleges and universities with approved
7 ROPA programs that seek to reinstate lapsed endorsement programs will be
8 charged \$500.00 for each endorsement area.

9 (5) Full ROPA Review. Colleges and universities with approved ROPA
10 programs that are seeking continued ROPA approval which is required every
11 seven years will be charged \$500.00 for the review of one endorsement area.
12 The charge for each additional endorsement area beyond one will be \$500.00.

13 ~~(b)~~(c) Fees collected under this section shall be credited to special funds
14 established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and
15 shall be available to the Agency to offset the costs of providing those services.

16 * * * Speech–Language Pathologists and Audiologists * * *

17 Sec. 7. 26 V.S.A. § 4459 is amended to read:

18 § 4459. FEES

19 (a) Each applicant and licensee shall be subject to the following fees:

20 (1) ~~Initial processing~~ Processing of application ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00

1 (2) Issuance of ~~initial~~ license ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 per year for the term of the
2 license

3 (3) ~~Renewal~~ Issuance of license ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 per year for the term of
4 the renewal

5 (4) ~~Replacement~~ Official copy of license \$10.00

6 ~~(5) Duplicate license \$3.00~~

7 (b) Fees collected under this section shall be credited to special funds
8 established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and
9 shall be available to the ~~department~~ Department to offset the costs of providing
10 those services.

11 * * * Department of Health * * *

12 * * * X-ray Equipment Fees * * *

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

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

16 * * * Food and Lodging Establishment Fees * * *

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

18 § 4353. FEES

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

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

- 1 II - Seating capacity of 26 to 50; ~~\$145.00~~ \$250.00
- 2 III - Seating capacity of 51 to 100; ~~\$245.00~~ \$375.00
- 3 IV - Seating capacity of 101 to 200; ~~\$305.00~~ \$500.00
- 4 V - Seating capacity of over 200; ~~\$390.00~~ \$575.00
- 5 VI - Home Caterer; ~~\$95.00~~ \$150.00
- 6 VII - Commercial Caterer; ~~\$200.00~~ \$225.00
- 7 VIII - Limited Operations; ~~\$95.00~~ \$125.00
- 8 IX - Fair Stand; ~~\$70.00~~ \$125.00; if operating for four or
- 9 more days per year; ~~\$160.00~~ \$250.00

10 (2) Lodging I - Lodging capacity of 1 to 10; ~~\$80.00~~ \$150.00

- 11 II - Lodging capacity of 11 to 20; ~~\$135.00~~ \$250.00
- 12 III - Lodging capacity of 21 to 50; ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00
- 13 IV - Lodging capacity of over 50; ~~\$340.00~~ \$500.00

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

- 17 (A) - Gross receipts of \$10,001.00 to \$50,000.00; ~~\$115.00~~ \$175.00
- 18 (B) - Gross receipts of over \$50,000.00; ~~\$155.00~~ \$275.00

19 (4) Seafood vending facility – ~~\$125.00~~ \$225.00, unless operating
20 pursuant to another license issued by the ~~department of health~~ Department of
21 Health and generating less than \$40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually.

1 If generating more than \$40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually, the fee
2 is to be paid regardless of whether the facility is operating pursuant to another
3 license issued by the ~~department of health~~ Department of Health.

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

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

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

9 § 4446. FEE

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

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

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

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

16 IV – Camps; ~~\$90.00~~ \$150.00

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

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1 * * * Board of Medical Practice Fees * * *

2 * * * Podiatry * * *

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

4 § 374. FEES; LICENSES

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

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

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

15 * * * Medicine * * *

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

17 § 1401a. FEES

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

20 (1) Application for licensure, ~~\$625.00~~ \$650.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall
21 use at least \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont

1 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
2 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

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

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

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9 * * * Anesthesiologist Assistants * * *

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

11 § 1662. FEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 * * * Physician Assistants * * *

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

11 § 1740. FEES

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

14 (1) Original application for licensure, ~~\$170.00~~ \$225.00; the ~~board~~ Board
15 shall use at least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the
16 Vermont ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which
17 monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the
18 public.

19 (2) Biennial renewal, ~~\$170.00~~ \$215.00; the ~~board~~ Board shall use at
20 least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont

1 ~~practitioner recovery network~~ Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors
2 recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

3 * * * Radiologist Assistants * * *

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

5 § 2862. FEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ARRT and is licensed as a radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this
2 title.

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

4 * * * Department for Children and Families* * *

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

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

7 (c)(1) A mandatory license fee surcharge of ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 per license shall
8 be collected by each city, town, or village for the purpose of funding the dog,
9 cat, and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program established in subchapter
10 6 of chapter 193 of this title.

11 * * * Agency of Natural Resources/Natural Resource Board * * *

12 Sec. 17. 30 V.S.A. § 248 is amended to read:

13 § 248. NEW GAS AND ELECTRIC PURCHASES, INVESTMENTS, AND
14 FACILITIES; CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD

15 * * *

16 (a)(4)(E) The Agency of Natural Resources shall appear as a party in any
17 proceedings held under this subsection, shall provide evidence and
18 recommendations concerning any findings to be made under subdivision (b)(5)
19 of this section, and may provide evidence and recommendations concerning
20 any other matters to be determined by the Board in such a proceeding.

1 Sec. 18. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

2 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

3 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall
4 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a
5 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or
6 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit
7 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to the
8 following fees for the purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the
9 direct and indirect costs incurred with respect to the administration of the Act
10 250 program:

11 (1) For projects involving construction, ~~\$5.40~~ \$6.65 for each \$1,000.00
12 of the first \$15,000,000.00 of construction costs, and ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.12 for each
13 \$1,000.00 of construction costs above \$15,000,000.00.

14 (2) For projects involving construction, an additional \$0.75 for each
15 \$1,000.00 of the first \$15,000,000.00 of construction costs required by
16 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be available to the Agency of National
17 Resources to account for the Agency of Natural Resources review of Act 250
18 applications.

19 ~~(2)~~(3) For projects involving the creation of lots, ~~\$100.00~~ \$125.00 for
20 each lot.

1 ~~(3)~~(4) For projects involving exploration for or removal of oil, gas, and
2 fissionable source materials, a fee as determined under subdivision (1) of this
3 subsection or \$1,000.00 for each day of Commission hearings required for
4 such projects, whichever is greater.

5 ~~(4)~~(5) For projects involving the extraction of earth resources, including
6 ~~but not limited to~~ sand, gravel, peat, topsoil, crushed stone, or quarried
7 material, the greater of: a fee as determined under subdivision (1) of this
8 subsection; or a fee equivalent to the rate of \$0.02 per cubic yard of the first
9 million cubic yards of the total volume of earth resources to be extracted over
10 the life of the permit, and \$.01 per cubic yard of any such earth resource
11 extraction above one million cubic yards. Extracted material that is not sold or
12 does not otherwise enter the commercial marketplace shall not be subject to the
13 fee. The fee assessed under this subdivision for an amendment to a permit
14 shall be based solely upon any additional volume of earth resources to be
15 extracted under the amendment.

16 ~~(5)~~(6) For projects involving the review of a master plan, a fee
17 equivalent to ~~\$0.10~~ \$0.15 per \$1,000.00 of total estimated construction costs in
18 current dollars in addition to the fee established in subdivision (1) of this
19 subsection for any portion of the project seeking construction approval.

20 ~~(6)~~(7) In no event shall a permit application fee exceed ~~\$150,000.00~~
21 \$165,000.00.

1 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, there
2 shall be a minimum fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$187.50 for original applications and
3 ~~\$50.00~~ \$62.50 for amendment applications, in addition to publication and
4 recording costs. These costs shall be in addition to any other fee established by
5 statute, unless otherwise expressly stated.

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7 Sec. 19. 3 V.S.A. § 2809 is amended to read:

8 § 2809. REIMBURSEMENT OF AGENCY COSTS

9 (a)(1) The Secretary may require an applicant for a permit, license,
10 certification, or order issued under a program that the Secretary enforces under
11 10 V.S.A. § 8003(a) to pay for the cost of ~~research, scientific, programmatic,~~
12 ~~or engineering expertise~~ services provided by the Agency of Natural
13 Resources, provided that the following apply:

14 (A) The Secretary does not have such ~~expertise or~~ services and such
15 ~~expertise is~~ services are required for the processing of the application for the
16 permit, license, certification, or order.

17 (B) The Secretary does have such ~~expertise~~ services but has made a
18 determination that it is beyond the Agency's internal capacity to ~~effectively~~
19 ~~utilize that expertise~~ use such services effectively to process the application for
20 the permit, license, certification, or order. In addition, the Secretary shall

1 determine that such ~~expertise is~~ services are required for the processing of the
2 application for the permit, license, certification, or order.

3 (2) The Secretary may require an applicant under 10 V.S.A. chapter 151
4 to pay for the time of Agency of Natural Resources personnel providing
5 ~~research, scientific, or engineering~~ services or for the cost of expert witnesses
6 when Agency personnel or expert witnesses are required for the processing of
7 the permit application.

8 (3) In addition to the authority set forth under 10 V.S.A. chapters 59 and
9 159 and section 1283, the Secretary may require a person who caused the
10 Agency to incur expenditures or a person in violation of a permit, license,
11 certification, or order issued by the Secretary to pay for the time of Agency
12 personnel or the cost of other ~~research, scientific, or engineering~~ services
13 incurred by the Agency in response to a threat to public health or the
14 environment presented by an emergency or exigent circumstance.

15 (b) Prior to commencing or contracting for ~~research, scientific, or~~
16 ~~engineering expertise or~~ services or contracting for expert witnesses for which
17 the Secretary intends to seek cost reimbursement under subdivisions (a)(1) and
18 (2) of this section, the Secretary shall notify the applicant for a permit, license,
19 certification, or order of the Secretary's authority to assess costs under this
20 section.

1 (c)(1) Within 15 days of issuance of notice under subsection (b) of this
2 section, an applicant for a permit, license, certification, or order may request a
3 meeting with the Secretary to identify and review the proposed Agency
4 services or contracting services that may be assessed to the applicant.

5 (2) The Secretary may enter into agreements with an applicant for a
6 permit, license, certification, or order under which either the applicant or the
7 Agency of Natural Resources shall provide or pay for the necessary ~~research,~~
8 ~~scientific, or engineering expertise~~ or services or expert witnesses.

9 (3) When the Secretary meets with an applicant under this subsection,
10 the Secretary shall provide the applicant in writing a preliminary estimate of
11 the costs to be assessed and the purpose of the funds. In the case of requests to
12 pay costs under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section, the Secretary shall be
13 limited to a reimbursement of not more than \$50,000.00.

14 (d) The following apply to the authority established under subsection (a) of
15 this section:

16 (1)(A) The Secretary may require reimbursement only of costs in excess
17 of \$3,000.00 except as provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (1).

18 (B) Where the Secretary has requested reimbursement of
19 ~~programmatic expertise~~ services pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this
20 section. The Secretary may require reimbursement only of costs in excess of

1 \$3,000.00 or one-half of the permit application fee assessed under section 2822
2 of this title, whichever is greater.

3 (2) The Secretary may revise estimates previously noticed as necessary
4 from time to time during the progress of the work and shall notify the applicant
5 in writing of any revision.

6 (3) The Secretary shall provide the applicant with a detailed statement of
7 a final assessment under this section showing the total amount of money
8 expended or contracted for in the work and directing the manner and timing of
9 payment by the applicant.

10 (4) All funds collected from applicants under the provisions of this
11 section shall be paid into the ~~State Treasury~~ Environmental Permit Fund
12 established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 2805, except that funds collected under the
13 provisions of subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be paid into the Natural
14 Resources Management Fund established pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 3106(d).

15 (e) The Secretary may withhold a permit approval or suspend the
16 processing of a permit application for failure to pay ~~reasonable~~ costs imposed
17 under this subsection.

18 (f) An action or determination of the Secretary under this section shall
19 constitute an act or decision of the Secretary that may be appealed in
20 accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 8504.

1 (g) Concerning an application for a permit to discharge stormwater runoff
2 from a telecommunications facility as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 248a that is filed
3 before July 1, 2017:

4 (1) Under subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the Agency shall not require
5 an applicant to pay more than \$10,000.00 with respect to a facility.

6 (2) The provisions of subsection (c) (mandatory meeting) of this section
7 shall not apply.

8 * * * Department for Environmental Conservation * * *

9 Sec. 20. 3 V.S.A. § 2822 is amended to read:

10 § 2822. BUDGET AND REPORT; POWERS

11 * * *

12 (i) The Secretary shall not process an application for which the applicable
13 fee has not been paid unless the Secretary specifies that the fee may be paid at
14 a different time or unless the person applying for the permit is exempt from the
15 permit fee requirements pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 710. ~~In addition, the persons~~
16 ~~who are exempt under 32 V.S.A. § 710 are also exempt from the application~~
17 ~~fees for stormwater operating permits specified in subdivisions (j)(2)(A)(iii)(I)~~
18 ~~and (II) of this section if they otherwise meet the requirements of 32 V.S.A.~~
19 ~~§ 710.~~ Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of fees under this
20 section except for those fees prescribed in subdivisions (j)(1), ~~(2)~~, (7), (8), (14),
21 and (15) of this section for which a municipality may recover its costs by

1 charging a user fee to those who use the permitted services. Municipalities
2 shall be subject to the payment of fees prescribed in subdivisions (j)(2), (10),
3 (11), and (26), except that a municipality shall also be exempt from those fees
4 for orphan stormwater systems prescribed in subdivisions (j)(2)(A)(iii) and
5 (2)(B)(iv)(I) or (II) of this section when the municipality agrees to become an
6 applicant or co-applicant for an orphan stormwater system under 10 V.S.A.
7 § 1264c.

8 (j) In accordance with subsection (i) of this section, the following fees are
9 established for permits, licenses, certifications, approvals, registrations, orders,
10 and other actions taken by the Agency of Natural Resources.

11 (1) For air pollution control permits or registrations issued under
12 10 V.S.A. chapter 23:

13 * * *

14 ~~(B) Any person required to register an air contaminant source under~~
15 ~~10 V.S.A. § 555(c) shall submit an annual registration fee in accordance with~~
16 ~~the following registration fee schedule, where the sum of a source's emissions~~
17 ~~of the following air contaminants is greater than five tons per year: sulfur~~
18 ~~dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and~~
19 ~~hydrocarbons:~~

20 ~~Registration: \$0.0335 per pound of emissions of any of these~~
21 ~~contaminants. Where the sum of a source's emission of these contaminants is~~

1 ~~greater than ten tons per year, provided that a plant producing renewable~~
2 ~~energy as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 8002 shall pay an annual fee not exceeding~~
3 ~~\$64,000.00:~~

4 ~~Base registration fee \$1,500.00; and \$0.0335 per pound of emissions~~
5 ~~of any of these contaminants.~~

6 (B) Annual registration. Any person required to register an air
7 contaminant source under 10 V.S.A. § 555(c) shall annually pay the following:

8 (i) base fee where the sum of a source's emissions of sulfur
9 dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and
10 hydrocarbons is:

11 (I) ten tons or greater: \$1,500.00;

12 (II) less than ten tons but greater than or equal to five tons:
13 \$1,000.00; and

14 (III) less than five tons: \$500.00.

15 (ii) Where the sum of a source's emissions of sulfur dioxide,
16 particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and hydrocarbons is
17 greater than or equal to five tons: an annual registration fee that is 0.0335 per
18 pound of such emissions except that a plant producing renewable energy as
19 defined in 30 V.S.A. § 8002 shall pay an annual fee not exceeding \$64,000.00.

20 (2) For discharge permits issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47 and orders
21 issued under 10 V.S.A. § 1272, an administrative processing fee of \$120.00

1 \$240.00 shall be paid at the time of application for a discharge permit in
2 addition to any application review fee and any annual operating fee, except for
3 permit applications under subdivisions (2)(A)(iii)(III) and (V) of this
4 subsection:

5 (A) Application review fee.

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7 (iv) Indirect discharge or underground injection control, excluding
8 stormwater discharges.

9 (I) ~~Sewage~~ Indirect discharge.

10 (aa) Individual permit: \$1,755.00 plus \$0.08
11 original application; per gallon of design
12 amendment for increased flows; capacity above
13 amendment for modification or 6,500 gpd.
14 replacement of system;

15 (bb) Renewal, transfer, or minor \$0.00;
16 amendment of individual permit;

17 (cc) General permit; \$0.00;

18 (II) ~~Nonsewage~~ Underground
19 injection; original permit.

20 (aa) ~~Individual permit:~~ \$0.06 per gallon
21 ~~original application;~~ capacity design; minimum

1 ~~amendment for increased~~ ~~\$400.00 per application.~~
2 ~~flows; amendment for~~
3 ~~modification or replacement~~
4 ~~of system.~~ For applications \$500.00 and \$0.10 for
5 where the discharge meets each gallon per day
6 groundwater enforcement over 2,000 gallons
7 standards at the point of per day.
8 discharge:
9 (bb) For applications where \$1,500.00 and \$0.20 for
10 the discharge meets groundwater each gallon per day
11 enforcement standards at the over 2,000 gallons
12 point of compliance: per day.
13 (cc) Renewal, transfer, or \$0.00.
14 minor amendment of
15 individual permit.;
16 ~~(ee)~~(dd) General permit.; \$0.00.

17 (B) Annual operating fee.

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19 (v) Indirect discharge or
20 underground injection control,
21 excluding stormwater discharges:

- 1 (I) Sewage Indirect discharge.
- 2 (aa) Individual permit: \$400.00 plus \$0.035 per
- 3 gallon of design capacity
- 4 above 6,500 gpd.
- 5 maximum \$27,500.00.
- 6 (bb) Approval under \$220.00.
- 7 general permit:
- 8 ~~(I)~~(II) Nonsewage Underground injection control.
- 9 (aa) ~~Individual permit~~ \$0.013 per gallon of
- 10 For applications where the ~~design capacity.~~ \$250.00
- 11 discharge meets groundwater ~~minimum; maximum~~
- 12 enforcement standards at the \$5,500.00 \$500.00 and
- 13 point of discharge: \$0.02for each gallon per
- 14 day over 2,000 gallons
- 15 per day.
- 16 (bb) For applications where \$1,500.00 and \$0.02
- 17 the discharge meets for each gallon per day
- 18 groundwater enforcement over 2,000 gallons
- 19 standards at the point of per day.
- 20 compliance:

1 (cc) Approval under general \$220.00.

2 permit;

3 (C) The Secretary shall bill all persons who hold discharge permits
4 for the required annual operating fee. Annual operating fees may be divided
5 into semiannual or quarterly billings.

6 (3) [Repealed.]

7 (4) For potable water supply and wastewater permits issued under
8 10 V.S.A. chapter 64. Projects under this subdivision include: a wastewater
9 system, including a sewerage connection; and a potable water supply,
10 including a connection to a public water supply:

11 (A) Original applications, or major amendments for a project with the
12 following proposed design flows. In calculating the fee, the highest proposed
13 design flow whether wastewater or water shall be used:

14 (i) design flows 560 gpd or less: ~~\$245.00~~ \$306.25 per application.

15 (ii) design flows greater than 560 and less than or equal to 2,000
16 gpd: ~~\$580.00~~ \$870.00 per application.

17 (iii) design flows greater than 2,000 and less than or equal to
18 6,500 gpd: ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$3,000.00 per application.

19 (iv) design flows greater than 6,500 and less than or equal to
20 10,000 gpd: ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$7,500.00 per application.

1 (v) design flows greater than 10,000 gpd: ~~\$9,500.00~~ \$13,500.00
2 per application.

3 (B) Minor amendments: ~~\$100.00.~~ \$150.00.

4 ~~(C) Special fees~~

5 ~~(i) Original application or \$135.00~~

6 ~~amendment solely for con-~~

7 ~~struction of grease trap,~~

8 ~~due to change in use,~~

9 ~~no increase in design flow.~~

10 ~~(ii) Original application or \$135.00.~~

11 ~~amendment solely for con-~~

12 ~~struction of holding tank~~

13 ~~for nondomestic wastewater~~

14 ~~when nondomestic wastewater~~

15 ~~will be transported off site.~~

16 ~~(iii) Original application or \$50.00~~

17 ~~amendment for initial~~

18 ~~connection by an existing~~

19 ~~building or structure~~

20 ~~to a municipal water~~

21 ~~or wastewater system at~~

1 ~~the time is first con-~~
2 ~~structed where there is~~
3 ~~no increase in design~~
4 ~~flow and where the con-~~
5 ~~nection and system has~~
6 ~~been reviewed and ap-~~
7 ~~proved by the facilities~~
8 ~~engineering division of~~
9 ~~the agency or has been~~
10 ~~reviewed, approved, and~~
11 ~~certified by a licensed~~
12 ~~designer retained by~~
13 ~~the municipality.~~

14 (iv)(I)(C) Minor projects: \$180.00. \$270.00.

15 (H) As used in this subdivision (j)(4)(C), “minor project” means a
16 project that meets the following: there is an increase in design flow but no
17 construction is required; there is no increase in design flow, but construction is
18 required, excluding replacement potable water supplies and wastewater
19 systems; or there is no increase in design flow and no construction is required,
20 excluding applications that contain designs that require technical review.

1 (D) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subdivision, when a
2 project is located in a Vermont neighborhood, as designated under 24 V.S.A.
3 chapter 76A, the fee shall be no more than \$50.00 in situations in which the
4 application has received an allocation for sewer capacity from an approved
5 municipal system. This limitation shall not apply in the case of fees charged as
6 part of a duly delegated municipal program.

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8 (7) For public water supply and bottled water permits and approvals
9 issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 56 and interim groundwater withdrawal
10 permits and approvals issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 48:

11 (A) For public water supply construction permit and permit
12 amendment applications:

13 ~~\$375.00 per application plus \$0.0055 per gallon of design capacity.~~

14 ~~Amendments \$150.00 per application.~~

15 (i) For public community and nontransient noncommunity water
16 supplies: \$900.00.

17 (ii) For transient noncommunity: \$500.00.

18 (B) For water treatment plant applications, except those applications
19 submitted by a municipality as defined in 1 V.S.A. § 126 or a consolidated
20 water district established under 24 V.S.A. § 3342: \$0.003 per gallon of design
21 capacity. Amendments \$150.00 per application.

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(D) For public water supplies and bottled water facilities, annually:

(i) Transient noncommunity: ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00.

(ii) Nontransient, noncommunity: \$0.0355 per 1,000 gallons
of water produced
annually or \$70.00,
whichever is greater.

(iii) Community: ~~\$0.0439~~ \$0.05 per 1,000

gallons of water produced annually.

(iv) Bottled water: 1,390.00 per permitted facility.

(E) Amendment to bottled water facility permit, \$150.00 per
application.

(F) For facilities permitted to withdraw groundwater pursuant to
10 V.S.A. § 1418: \$2,300.00 annually per facility.

(G) In calculating flow-based fees under this subsection, the
Secretary will use metered production flows where available. When metered
production flows are not available, the Secretary shall estimate flows based on
the standard design flows for new construction.

(H) The Secretary shall bill public water supplies and bottled water
companies for the required fee. Annual fees may be divided into semiannual
or quarterly billings.

1 (8) For public water system operator certifications issued under
2 10 V.S.A. § 1674:

3 (A) For class IA and IB operators: \$45.00 per initial
4 certificate or renewal.
5 ~~Operators who are also~~
6 ~~permittees under the~~
7 ~~transient noncommunity~~
8 ~~water system general~~
9 ~~permit are not subject to~~
10 ~~this fee.~~

11 (B) For all other classes: \$80.00 per initial
12 certificate or renewal.

13 (9)(A) For a solid waste hauler: ~~an annual operating fee of \$50.00 per~~
14 ~~vehicle.~~

15 (i) \$50.00 per vehicle for small vehicles with two axels, including
16 pickup trucks, utility trailers, and stakebody trucks.

17 (ii) \$75.00 per vehicle for vehicles with three or four axels,
18 including packer trucks, dump trucks, and roll offs.

19 (iii) \$100.00 per vehicle for tractors and any number axel tandem
20 trailers.

1 (B) No. 4, 5, 6 grade fuel oil and used oil - \$0.0015 per gallon

2 burned;

3 (C) No. 2 grade fuel oil - \$0.0005 per gallon burned;

4 (D) Propane - \$0.0003 per gallon burned;

5 (E) Natural gas - \$2.745 per million cubic feet burned;

6 (F) Diesel generator - \$0.0055 per gallon burned;

7 (G) Gas turbine using No. 2 grade fuel oil - \$0.0022 per gallon

8 burned.

9 ~~(2) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (low potency)–~~
10 ~~\$0.0225 per pound of emissions; For the emission of any hazardous air~~
11 ~~contaminant not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection:~~

12 (A) Contaminants which cause short-term irritant effects - \$0.02 per
13 pound of emissions;

14 (B) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity - \$0.04 per
15 pound of emissions;

16 (C) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer - \$0.95 per
17 pound of emissions.

18 ~~(3) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (high potency)–~~
19 ~~\$0.03 per pound of emissions;~~

20 ~~(4) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (low potency)–~~
21 ~~\$0.825 per pound of emissions;~~

1 of the Waste Management Assistance Fund established under section 6618 of
2 this title. Fees shall be computed according to the following:

3 (1) ~~\$350.00~~ \$400.00 per toxic chemical identified pursuant to
4 subdivision 6629(c)(4) of this title.

5 (2) ~~\$350.00~~ \$400.00 per hazardous waste stream identified pursuant to
6 subdivision 6629(c)(3) of this title.

7 (3) Up to a maximum amount of:

8 (A) ~~\$1,750.00~~ \$2,000.00 per plan for Class A generators.

9 (B) ~~\$350.00~~ \$400.00 per plan for Class B generators.

10 (C) ~~\$1,750.00~~ \$2,000.00 per plan for large users.

11 (D) ~~\$3,500.00~~ \$4,000.00 per plan for Class A generators that are
12 large users.

13 (E) ~~\$1,050.00~~ \$1,200.00 per plan for Class B generators that are large
14 users.

15 Sec. 22. 32 V.S.A. § 710 is amended to read:

16 § 710. PAYMENT OF STATE AGENCY FEES

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18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fees shall be charged
19 for reviews, inspections, or nonoperating permits issued by the Department of
20 Public Safety, a District Environmental Commission, and the Agency of
21 Natural Resources for:

1	(2) Hunting license	\$25.00 <u>\$26.00</u>
2	(3) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$40.00 <u>\$41.00</u>
3	(4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
4	(A) archery license	\$23.00
5	(B) muzzle loader license	\$23.00
6	(C) turkey license	\$23.00
7	(D) second muzzle loader license	\$17.00
8	(E) second archery license	\$17.00
9	(F) moose license	\$100.00
10	(G) season bear tag	\$5.00
11	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
12	(5) Trapping license	\$20.00 <u>\$23.00</u>
13	(6) Hunting license for persons aged 17 <u>years</u>	
14	<u>of age</u> or under	\$8.00
15	(7) Trapping license for persons aged 17 <u>years</u>	
16	<u>of age</u> or under	\$10.00
17	(8) Fishing license for persons aged 15 through 17	
18	<u>years of age</u>	\$8.00
19	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
20	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$10.00 <u>\$11.00</u>
21	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for	

1	persons aged <u>17 years of age</u> or under	\$12.00
2	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00
3	(b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the	
4	Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:	
5	(1) Fishing license	\$50.00 <u>\$51.00</u>
6	(2) One-day fishing license	\$20.00 <u>\$21.00</u>
7	(3) [Repealed.]	
8	(4) Hunting license	\$100.00
9	(5) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$135.00
10	(6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
11	(A) archery license	\$38.00
12	(B) muzzle loader license	\$40.00
13	(C) turkey license	\$38.00
14	(D) [Repealed.]	
15	(E) [Repealed.]	
16	(F) moose license	\$350.00
17	(G) early season bear tag	\$15.00
18	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$38.00
19	(7) Small game licenses	
20	(A) all season	\$50.00
21	(B) [Repealed.]	

1	(8) Trapping license	\$300.00 <u>\$305.00</u>
2	(9) Hunting licenses for persons aged <u>17 years of age</u>	
3	or under	\$25.00
4	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$22.00 <u>\$23.00</u>
5	(11) Seven-day fishing license	\$30.00 <u>\$31.00</u>

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7 * * * Labor * * *

8 * * * Workers' Compensation Fund * * *

9 Sec. 24. WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

10 For fiscal year 2016, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A.
11 § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly has established that
12 the rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers'
13 compensation insurance shall be set at the rate of 1.45 percent established in
14 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 191, Sec. 7, notwithstanding 21 V.S.A. § 711(a).
15 The contribution rate for self-insured workers' compensation losses and
16 workers' compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A.
17 chapter 9 shall remain at one percent.

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

19 Sec. 25. 6 V.S.A. § 3022(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) Any person who is the owner of any bees, apiary, colony, or hive shall
21 pay a \$10.00 annual registration fee for each location of hives. The fee

1 ~~revenue, together with any other funds appropriated to the Agency for this~~
2 ~~purpose,~~ shall be collected by the Secretary and credited to the Weights and
3 Measures Testing Fund to be used to offset the costs of inspection services and
4 to provide educational services and technical assistance to beekeepers in the
5 State.

6 Sec. 26. 9 V.S.A. § 2632(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) Fees and reimbursements of costs collected by the Agency of
8 Agriculture, Food and Markets under the provisions of this chapter and
9 6 V.S.A. § 3022 shall be credited to a weights and measures special fund and
10 shall be available to the Agency to offset the costs of implementing this
11 chapter and 6 V.S.A. chapter 172.

12 * * * Agency of Commerce and Community Development * * *

13 Sec. 27. 10 V.S.A. § 128 is added to read:

14 § 128. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
15 SPECIAL FUND

16 (a) A Special Fund is created for the operation of the Vermont Center for
17 Geographic Information in the Agency of Commerce and Community
18 Development. The Fund shall consist of revenues derived from the charges by
19 the Agency of Commerce and Community Development pursuant to
20 subsection (c) of this section for the provision of Geographic Information
21 products and services, interest earned by the Fund, and sums which from time

1 to time may be made available for the support of the Center and its operations.

2 The Fund shall be established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7,
3 subchapter 5 and shall be available to the Agency to support activities of the
4 Center.

5 (b) The receipt and expenditure of monies from the Special Fund shall be
6 under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Community
7 Development.

8 (c) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the Secretary of Commerce and
9 Community Development is authorized to impose charges reasonably related
10 to the costs of the products and services of the Vermont Center for Geographic
11 Information, including the cost of personnel, equipment, supplies, and
12 intellectual property.

13 * * * Effective Dates * * *

14 Sec. 28. EFFECTIVE DATES

15 (a) This section 25 shall take effect on passage.

16 (b) Sec. 23 shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

17 (e) Sec. 27 shall take effect on passage and apply as of February 8, 2015.

18 (f) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2015.