

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

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**\* \* \* Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons \* \* \***

Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 2255 is amended to read:

§ 2255. FEES

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

(1) Application

(A) Broker license \$ 50.00

(B) Salesperson license \$ 50.00

(C) Brokerage firm registration \$ 50.00

(D) Branch office registration \$ 50.00

(2) Biennial renewal of broker or salesperson license \$ 200.00

(3) Biennial brokerage firm or branch office registration renewal \$ 200.00

(4) Temporary permit \$ 25.00

(5) Transfer of license \$ 10.00

(6) Transfer to inactive status \$ 25.00

(7) Real estate brokers \$100.00

(b) [Repealed.]

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**\*\*\* Veterinary Medicine \*\*\***

Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 2414 is amended to read:

§ 2414. FEES

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

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| (1) Application      | \$ 100.00                           |
| (2) Biennial renewal | <del>\$250.00</del> <u>\$200.00</u> |

**\*\*\* Land Surveyors \*\*\***

Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 2597 is amended to read:

§ 2597. FEES

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

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| (1) Application                 | \$200.00                            |
| (2) Biennial renewal of license | <del>\$400.00</del> <u>\$300.00</u> |

**\*\*\* Real Estate Appraisers \*\*\***

Sec. 5. 26 V.S.A. § 3316 is amended to read:

§ 3316. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FEES

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

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| (1) Application     | \$125.00 |
| (2) Initial license | \$150.00 |

1	(3) Biennial renewal	<del>\$315.00</del> <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		<del>\$500.00</del> <u>\$400.00</u>

10 \* \* \* Agency of Education \* \* \*

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

12 § 1697. FEES

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

15	(1) <del>Initial processing</del> <u>Processing</u> of application	<del>\$40.00</del>
16		<u>\$50.00 per application</u>
17	(2) Issuance of <del>initial</del> <u>Level I</u> license	<del>\$40.00</del> <u>\$50.00</u> per year
18		for the term of the license
19	(3) <del>Renewal</del> <u>Issuance of Level II</u> license	<del>\$40.00</del> <u>\$50.00</u> per year
20		for the term of the renewal
21	(4) <del>Replacement of license</del> <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 (moving from elementary K-12).

3                   (ii) fundamentally altering the model of instruction (adding a  
4 graduate program to an undergraduate program).

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

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

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

15                   \* \* \* Speech–Language Pathologists and Audiologists \* \* \*

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

17           § 4459. FEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9   \* \* \* Department of Health \* \* \*

10   \* \* \* X-ray Equipment Fees \* \* \*

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

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

14   \* \* \* Food and Lodging Establishment Fees \* \* \*

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

16       § 4353. FEES

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

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

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

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

- 1 IV - Seating capacity of 101 to 200; ~~\$305.00~~ \$500.00
- 2 V - Seating capacity of over 200; ~~\$390.00~~ \$575.00
- 3 VI - Home Caterer; ~~\$95.00~~ \$150.00
- 4 VII - Commercial Caterer; ~~\$200.00~~ \$225.00
- 5 VIII - Limited Operations; ~~\$95.00~~ \$125.00
- 6 IX - Fair Stand; ~~\$70.00~~ \$125.00; if operating for four or
- 7 more days per year; ~~\$160.00~~ \$250.00
- 8 (2) Lodging I - Lodging capacity of 1 to 10; ~~\$80.00~~ \$150.00
- 9 II - Lodging capacity of 11 to 20; ~~\$135.00~~ \$250.00
- 10 III - Lodging capacity of 21 to 50; ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00
- 11 IV - Lodging capacity of over 50; ~~\$340.00~~ \$500.00
- 12 (3) Food processor - a fee for any person or persons that process food
- 13 for resale to restaurants, stores, or individuals according to the following
- 14 schedule:
- 15 (A) - Gross receipts of \$10,001.00 to \$50,000.00; ~~\$115.00~~ \$175.00
- 16 (B) - Gross receipts of over \$50,000.00; ~~\$155.00~~ \$275.00
- 17 (4) Seafood vending facility – ~~\$125.00~~ \$225.00, unless operating
- 18 pursuant to another license issued by the ~~department of health~~ Department of
- 19 Health and generating less than \$40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually.
- 20 If generating more than \$40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually, the fee



1 is to be paid regardless of whether the facility is operating pursuant to another  
2 license issued by the ~~department of health~~ Department of Health.

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

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

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

8 § 4446. FEE

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

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

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

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

15 IV – Cams; ~~\$90.00~~ \$150.00

16 (b) The ~~commissioner of the department of health~~ Commissioner of Health  
17 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 \* \* \* Anesthesiologists \* \* \*

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 ~~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

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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 provided 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

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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:

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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.

6 (i) Municipal, industrial,  
7 noncontact cooling water, and  
8 thermal discharges.

9 (I) Individual permit: original ~~\$0.0023~~ \$0.003 per gallon  
10 application; amendment for design flow; minimum  
11 increased flows; amendment ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 per  
12 for change in treatment process; outfall; maximum  
13 30,000.00 per application.

14 (II) Renewal, transfer, or minor ~~\$0.00~~ \$0.002 per gallon  
15 amendment of individual permit; design flow; minimum  
16 \$50.00 per outfall;  
17 maximum \$5,000.00 per  
18 application.

19 (III) General permit; \$0.00.

- 1 (ii) Pretreatment discharges.
- 2 (I) Individual permit: original ~~\$0.12~~ \$0.20 per gallon
- 3 application; amendment for design flow; minimum
- 4 increased flows; amendment for ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 per
- 5 change in treatment process; outfall.
- 6 (II) Renewal, transfer, or minor ~~\$0.00~~ \$0.002 per gallon
- 7 amendment of individual permit; design flow; minimum
- 8 \$50.00 per outfall.
- 9 (iii) Stormwater discharges.
- 10 (I) Individual operating permit ~~\$430.00~~ \$860.00 per acre
- 11 or application to operate under impervious area;
- 12 general operating permit for minimum ~~\$220.00~~
- 13 collected stormwater runoff \$440.00 per application.
- 14 which is discharged to Class B
- 15 waters original application;
- 16 amendment for increased flows;
- 17 amendment for change in
- 18 treatment process;
- 19 (II) Individual operating permit \$1,400.00 per acre
- 20 or application to operate under impervious area;
- 21 general operating permit for minimum \$1,400.00

1 collected stormwater runoff which per application.  
2 is discharged to Class A waters;  
3 original application; amendment  
4 for increased flows; amendment  
5 for change in treatment process.  
6 (III) Individual permit or  
7 application to operate under  
8 general permit for construction  
9 activities; original application;  
10 amendment for increased acreage.  
11 (aa) Projects with low risk to ~~\$50.00~~ five acres or  
12 waters of the State; less: \$100.00 per project;  
13 original application.  
14 (bb) Projects with low risk to \$220.00 per project.  
15 waters of the State; greater than  
16 five acres:  
17 (cc) Projects with moderate risk ~~\$360.00;~~ five acres  
18 to waters of the State; or less: \$480.00 per  
19 project original  
20 application.  
21 (cc) ~~Projects that require an~~ \$720.00 per project

1                    ~~individual permit.~~                    ~~original application.~~  
2                    (dd) Projects with moderate risk   \$640.00.  
3                    to waters of the State; greater  
4                    than five acres:  
5                    (ee) Projects that require an        \$1,200.00.  
6                    individual permit; ten acres  
7                    or less:  
8                    (ff) Projects that require an        \$1,800.00.  
9                    individual permit; greater than  
10                  10 acres:  
11                  (IV) Individual permit or                ~~\$220.00~~ \$440.00 per  
12                  application to operate under        facility.  
13                  general permit for stormwater  
14                  runoff associated with industrial  
15                  activities with specified SIC  
16                  codes; original application;  
17                  amendment for change in activities;:  
18                  (V) Individual permit or                ~~\$1,200.00~~ \$2,400.00  
19                  application to operate under        per system.  
20                  general permit for stormwater  
21                  runoff associated with

1                   municipal separate storm sewer  
2                   systems; original application; amendment  
3                   for change in activities;  
4                   (VI) Individual operating permit or application to operate under  
5                   a general permit for a residually designated stormwater discharge original  
6                   application; amendment; for increased flows amendment; for change in  
7                   treatment process.

8                   (aa) For discharges to Class B water; ~~\$430.00~~ \$860.00 per  
9                   acre of impervious area, minimum ~~\$220.00~~ \$280.00.

10                   (bb) For discharges to Class A water; ~~\$1,400.00~~ \$1,700.00  
11                   per acre of impervious area, minimum ~~\$1,400.00~~ \$1,700.00.

12                   (VII) Renewal, transfer, or                   \$0.00.  
13                   minor amendment of individual  
14                   ~~permit or approval under~~  
15                   ~~general permit.~~

16                   (VIII) Application for coverage                   \$400.00 per application.  
17                   under the municipal roads  
18                   stormwater general permit:

19                   (IX) Application for coverage                   \$1,200.00.  
20                   under the state roads stormwater  
21                   general permit:

1 (iv) Indirect discharge or underground injection control, excluding  
2 stormwater discharges.

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

4 (aa) Individual permit: \$1,755.00 plus \$0.08

5 original application; per gallon of design

6 amendment for increased flows; capacity above

7 amendment for modification or 6,500 gpd.

8 replacement of system;

9 (bb) Renewal, transfer, or minor \$0.00.

10 amendment of individual permit;

11 (cc) General permit; \$0.00.

12 (II) ~~Nonsewage~~ Underground

13 injection; original permit.

14 (aa) ~~Individual permit:~~ ~~\$0.06 per gallon~~

15 ~~original application;~~ ~~capacity design; minimum~~

16 ~~amendment for increased~~ ~~\$400.00 per application.~~

17 ~~flows; amendment for~~

18 ~~modification or replacement~~

19 ~~of system.~~ For applications \$500.00 and \$0.10 for

20 where the discharge meets each gallon per day

21 groundwater enforcement over 2,000 gallons

1                     standards at the point of                     per day.  
2                     discharge:  
3                     (bb) For applications where                     \$1,500.00 and \$0.20 for  
4                     the discharge meets groundwater each gallon per day  
5                     enforcement standards at the                     over 2,000 gallons  
6                     point of compliance:                     per day.  
7                     (cc) Renewal, transfer, or                     \$0.00.  
8                     minor amendment of  
9                     individual permit;:  
10                    ~~(ee)~~(dd) General permit;:                     \$0.00.  
11                    (B) Annual operating fee.  
12                    (i) Industrial, noncontact cooling                     ~~\$0.00~~ \$0.0015 per gallon  
13                    water and thermal discharges;:                     design capacity. ~~\$150.00~~  
14   \$200.00 minimum;  
15   maximum \$210,000.00.  
16                    (ii) Municipal;:                     \$0.003 per gallon of actual  
17   design flows. ~~\$150.00~~  
18   \$200.00 minimum;  
19   maximum \$12,500.00.

1 (iii) Pretreatment discharges:; ~~\$0.0385~~ \$0.04 per gallon  
2 design capacity. ~~\$150.00~~  
3 \$200.00 minimum;  
4 maximum \$27,500.00.

5 (iv) Stormwater

6 (I) Individual operating permit ~~\$255.00~~ \$310.00 per acre  
7 or approval under general operating impervious area; ~~\$235.00~~  
8 permit for collected stormwater \$310.00 minimum.  
9 runoff which is discharged to  
10 class A waters:;

11 (II) Individual operating permit ~~\$80.00~~ \$160.00 per acre  
12 or approval under general operating impervious area; ~~\$80.00~~  
13 permit for collected stormwater \$160.00 minimum.  
14 runoff which is discharged to  
15 Class B waters:;

16 (III) Individual permit or ~~\$80.00~~ \$160.00  
17 approval under general permit per facility.  
18 for stormwater runoff from  
19 industrial facilities with  
20 specified SIC codes:;



1 (IV) Individual permit or ~~\$80.00 per system~~  
2 application to operate under \$10.00 per acre of  
3 general permit for stormwater impervious surface within  
4 runoff associated with municipal the municipality; annually.  
5 separate storm sewer systems;

6 (V) Individual permit or approval under general permit for  
7 residually designated stormwater discharges.

8 (aa) For discharges to Class A water; ~~\$255.00~~ \$310.00 per  
9 acre of impervious area, minimum ~~\$255.00~~ \$310.00.

10 (bb) For discharges to Class B water; ~~\$80.00~~ \$160.00 per  
11 acre of impervious area, minimum ~~\$80.00~~ \$160.00.

12 (VI) Application to operate under a general permit for  
13 stormwater runoff associated with municipal roads: \$2,000.00 per  
14 authorization annually.

15 (VII) Application to operate under a general permit for  
16 stormwater runoff associated with State roads: \$90,000.00 per authorization  
17 annually.

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

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(I) Sewage Indirect discharge.

- (aa) Individual permit: \$400.00 plus \$0.035 per gallon of design capacity above 6,500 gpd. maximum \$27,500.00.
- (bb) Approval under general permit: \$220.00.

~~(I)~~(II) Nonsewage Underground injection control.

- ~~(aa) Individual permit~~ \$0.013 per gallon of design capacity. ~~\$250.00~~  
For applications where the discharge meets groundwater enforcement standards at the point of discharge: minimum; maximum \$5,500.00 \$500.00 and \$0.02 for each gallon per day over 2,000 gallons per day.
- (bb) For applications where the discharge meets groundwater enforcement standards at the point of compliance: \$1,500.00 and \$0.02 for each gallon per day over 2,000 gallons per day.

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-~~  
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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 (D) \$0.25 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetlands  
2 or Class I or II wetland buffer for utility line, pipeline, and ski trail projects  
3 when the proposed impact is limited to clearing forested wetlands in a corridor  
4 and maintaining a cleared condition in that corridor for the project life;

5 (E) \$1.50 per square foot of impact to Class I or II wetlands when the  
6 permit is sought after the impact has taken place;

7 (F) \$100.00 per revision to an application for an individual wetland  
8 permit or authorization under a general permit when the supplement is due to a  
9 change to the project that was not requested by the Secretary; and

10 (G) minimum fee, \$50.00 per application.

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12 (33) \$10.00 per 1000 gallons based on the rated capacity of the tank  
13 being pumped rounded to the nearest 1000 gallon.

14 (k) ~~Commencing with registration year 1993 and for each year thereafter,~~  
15 ~~any person required to pay a fee to register an air contaminant source under~~  
16 ~~10 V.S.A. § 555(c) in addition shall pay fees for any emissions of the~~  
17 ~~following types of hazardous air contaminants. The following fees shall not be~~  
18 ~~assessed for emissions resulting from the combustion of any fuels, except solid~~  
19 ~~waste, in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment. Hazardous air~~  
20 contaminants. Any person required to pay a fee to register an air contaminant

1 source under 10 V.S.A. § 555(c) and who emits five or more tons per year

2 shall pay fees as follows:

3 (1) ~~Contaminants which cause short term irritant effects – \$0.012 per~~  
4 ~~pound of emissions;~~ Where the emissions are resulting from the combustion of  
5 any of the following fuels in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment:

6 (A)(i) Wood - \$0.1915 per ton burned; or

7 (ii) Wood burned in electric utility units with advanced particulate  
8 matter and nitrogen oxide reduction technologies - \$0.0607 per ton burned;

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) ~~Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (low potency)-~~  
18 ~~\$0.0225 per pound of emissions;~~ For the emission of any hazardous air  
19 contaminant not subject to subsection (1) of this section:

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

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

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

5            ~~(3) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (high potency)–~~  
6            ~~\$0.03 per pound of emissions;~~

7            ~~(4) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (low potency)–~~  
8            ~~\$0.825 per pound of emissions;~~

9            ~~(5) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (high potency)–~~  
10           ~~\$15.00 per pound of emissions.~~

11           ~~(1) Commencing with registration year 1993 and for each year thereafter,~~  
12           ~~any person required to pay a fee to register an air contaminant source under~~  
13           ~~10 V.S.A. § 555(c) in addition shall pay the following fees for emissions of~~  
14           ~~hazardous air contaminants resulting from the combustion of any of the~~  
15           ~~following fuels in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment.~~

16           ~~(1) Coal – \$0.645 per ton burned;~~

17           ~~(2)(A) Wood – \$0.155 per ton burned; or~~

18           ~~(B) Wood burned with an operational electrostatic precipitator and~~  
19           ~~NO<sub>x</sub> reduction technologies – \$0.0375 per ton burned;~~

20           ~~(3) No. 6 grade fuel oil – \$0.00075 per gallon burned;~~

21           ~~(4) No. 4 grade fuel oil – \$0.0006 per gallon burned;~~

- 1           ~~(5) No. 2 grade fuel oil \$0.0003 per gallon burned;~~
- 2           ~~(6) Liquid propane gas \$0.0003 per gallon burned;~~
- 3           ~~(7) Natural gas \$1.305 per million cubic feet burned.~~

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5           Sec. 21. 10 V.S.A. § 6628(j) is amended to read:

6                   (j) Fees shall be submitted annually on March 31. Fees shall be submitted  
7           to the Secretary and deposited into the hazardous waste management account  
8           of the Waste Management Assistance Fund established under section 6618 of  
9           this title. Fees shall be computed according to the following:

10                   (1) ~~\$350.00~~ \$400.00 per toxic chemical identified pursuant to  
11           subdivision 6629(c)(4) of this title.

12                   (2) ~~\$350.00~~ \$400.00 per hazardous waste stream identified pursuant to  
13           subdivision 6629(c)(3) of this title.

14                   (3) Up to a maximum amount of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 § 710. PAYMENT OF STATE AGENCY FEES

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Agency of  
4 Transportation, any cooperating municipalities, and their contractors or agents  
5 shall be exempt from the payment of fee charges for reviews, inspections, or  
6 nonoperating permits issued by the Department of Public Safety, a District  
7 Environmental Commission, and the Agency of Natural Resources for any  
8 projects undertaken by or for the Agency and any cooperating municipalities  
9 for which all or a portion of the funds are authorized by a legislatively  
10 approved transportation construction, rehabilitation, or paving program within  
11 a general appropriation act introduced pursuant to section 701 of this title  
12 except for those fees established under 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(2)(A)(iii), (j)(10),  
13 (j)(11), and (j)(26).

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

18 (1) Any project undertaken by the Department of Buildings and General  
19 Services, the Agency of Natural Resources or the Agency of Transportation  
20 which is authorized or funded in whole or in part by the capital construction



1 act introduced pursuant to section 701a of this title except for those fees  
2 established under 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(2)(A)(iii), (j)(10), (j)(11), and (j)(26).

3 (2) Any project undertaken by a municipality, which is funded in whole  
4 or in part by a grant or loan from the Agency of Natural Resources or the  
5 Agency of Transportation financed by an appropriation of a capital  
6 construction act introduced pursuant to section 701a of this title except for  
7 those fees established under 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(2)(A)(iii), (j)(7)(A) and (B),  
8 (j)(10), (j)(11), and (j)(26). However, all such fees shall be paid for reviews,  
9 inspections, or permits required by municipal solid waste facilities developed  
10 by a solid waste district which serves, or is expected to serve, in whole or in  
11 part, parties located outside its own district boundaries pursuant to 10 V.S.A.  
12 chapter 159.

13 \* \* \* Department of Fish and Wildlife \* \* \*

14 Sec. 23. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

15 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

16 (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the  
17 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 18 (1) Fishing license                                   | \$25.00                           |
| 19 (2) Hunting license                                   | \$25.00                           |
| 20 (3) Combination hunting and fishing license           | <del>\$40.00</del> <u>\$41.00</u> |
| 21 (4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license) |                                   |

1	(A) archery license	\$23.00
2	(B) muzzle loader license	\$23.00
3	(C) turkey license	\$23.00
4	(D) second muzzle loader license	\$17.00
5	(E) second archery license	\$17.00
6	(F) moose license	\$100.00
7	(G) season bear tag	\$5.00
8	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
9	(5) Trapping license	<del>\$20.00</del> <u>\$23.00</u>
10	(6) Hunting license for persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years</u>	
11	<u>of age</u> or under	\$8.00
12	(7) Trapping license for persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years</u>	
13	<u>of age</u> or under	\$10.00
14	(8) Fishing license for persons <del>aged 15</del> through 17	
15	<u>years of age</u>	\$8.00
16	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
17	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$10.00
18	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for	
19	persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years of age</u> or under	\$12.00
20	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00

- 1 (b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the  
2 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:
- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 3 (1) Fishing license  | \$50.00                             |
| 4 (2) One-day fishing license  | \$20.00                             |
| 5 (3) [Repealed.]  |                                     |
| 6 (4) Hunting license  | \$100.00                            |
| 7 (5) Combination hunting and fishing license                              | \$135.00                            |
| 8 (6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)                    |                                     |
| 9 (A) archery license  | \$38.00                             |
| 10 (B) muzzle loader license   | \$40.00                             |
| 11 (C) turkey license  | \$38.00                             |
| 12 (D) [Repealed.]   |                                     |
| 13 (E) [Repealed.]   |                                     |
| 14 (F) moose license   | \$350.00                            |
| 15 (G) early season bear tag   | \$15.00                             |
| 16 (H) additional deer archery tag   | \$38.00                             |
| 17 (7) Small game licenses   |                                     |
| 18 (A) all season  | \$50.00                             |
| 19 (B) [Repealed.]   |                                     |
| 20 (8) Trapping license  | <del>\$300.00</del> <u>\$305.00</u> |
| 21 (9) Hunting licenses for persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years of age</u> |                                     |

- 1 or under \$25.00  
2 (10) Three-day fishing license \$22.00  
3 (11) Seven-day fishing license \$30.00

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5 (c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the  
6 Department by a person qualifying as follows:

7 (1) ~~For \$50, a~~ A Vermont resident ~~aged 65~~ 70 years of age or older may  
8 ~~purchase~~ receive one or all of the following licenses at no cost.

9 \* \* \*

10 Sec. 24. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

11 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

12 (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the  
13 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

- 14 (1) Fishing license ~~\$25.00~~ \$26.00  
15 (2) Hunting license ~~\$25.00~~ \$26.00  
16 (3) Combination hunting and fishing license \$41.00  
17 (4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)  
18 (A) archery license \$23.00  
19 (B) muzzle loader license \$23.00  
20 (C) turkey license \$23.00  
21 (D) second muzzle loader license \$17.00

1	(E) second archery license	\$17.00
2	(F) moose license	\$100.00
3	(G) season bear tag	\$5.00
4	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
5	(5) Trapping license	\$23.00
6	(6) Hunting license for persons <del>aged</del> <u>17 years of age</u>	
7	or under	\$8.00
8	(7) Trapping license for persons <del>aged</del> <u>17 years of age</u>	
9	or under	\$10.00
10	(8) Fishing license for persons <del>aged</del> <u>15 through 17</u>	
11	<u>years of age</u>	\$8.00
12	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
13	(10) Three-day fishing license	<del>\$10.00</del> <u>\$11.00</u>
14	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for	
15	persons <del>aged</del> <u>17 years of age</u> or under	\$12.00
16	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00
17	(b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the	
18	Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:	
19	(1) Fishing license	\$50.00
20	(2) One-day fishing license	\$20.00
21	(3) [Repealed.]	

1	(4) Hunting license	\$100.00
2	(5) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$135.00
3	(6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
4	(A) archery license	\$38.00
5	(B) muzzle loader license	\$40.00
6	(C) turkey license	\$38.00
7	(D) [Repealed.]	
8	(E) [Repealed.]	
9	(F) moose license	\$350.00
10	(G) early season bear tag	\$15.00
11	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$38.00
12	(7) Small game licenses	
13	(A) all season	<del>\$50.00</del> <u>\$51.00</u>
14	(B) [Repealed.]	
15	(8) Trapping license	\$305.00
16	(9) Hunting licenses for persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years of age</u>	
17	or under	\$25.00
18	(10) Three-day fishing license	<del>\$22.00</del> <u>\$23.00</u>
19	(11) Seven-day fishing license	<del>\$30.00</del> <u>\$31.00</u>

20 \* \* \*

1 Sec. 25. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

2 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

3 (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the  
4 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

5	(1) Fishing license	\$26.00
6	(2) Hunting license	\$26.00
7	(3) Combination hunting and fishing license	<del>\$41.00</del> <u>\$42.00</u>
8	(4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
9	(A) archery license	\$23.00
10	(B) muzzle loader license	\$23.00
11	(C) turkey license	\$23.00
12	(D) second muzzle loader license	\$17.00
13	(E) second archery license	\$17.00
14	(F) moose license	\$100.00
15	(G) season bear tag	\$5.00
16	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
17	(5) Trapping license	<del>\$23.00</del> <u>\$24.00</u>
18	(6) Hunting license for persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years of age</u>	
19	or under	\$8.00
20	(7) Trapping license for persons <del>aged 17</del> <u>years of age</u>	
21	or under	\$10.00

1	(8) Fishing license for persons <del>aged</del> 15 through 17	
2	<u>years of age</u>	\$8.00
3	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
4	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$11.00
5	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for	
6	persons <del>aged</del> 17 <u>years of age</u> or under	\$12.00
7	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00
8	(b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the	
9	Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:	
10	(1) Fishing license	<del>\$50.00</del> <u>\$52.00</u>
11	(2) One-day fishing license	<del>\$20.00</del> <u>\$21.00</u>
12	(3) [Repealed.]	
13	(4) Hunting license	<del>\$100.00</del> <u>\$102.00</u>
14	(5) Combination hunting and fishing license	<del>\$135.00</del> <u>\$138.00</u>
15	(6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
16	(A) archery license	\$38.00
17	(B) muzzle loader license	\$40.00
18	(C) turkey license	\$38.00
19	(D) [Repealed.]	
20	(E) [Repealed.]	
21	(F) moose license	\$350.00



1	(G) early season bear tag	\$15.00
2	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$38.00
3	(7) Small game licenses	
4	(A) all season	<del>\$51.00</del> <u>\$52.00</u>
5	(B) [Repealed.]	
6	(8) Trapping license	\$305.00
7	(9) Hunting licenses for persons <del>aged</del> <u>17 years of</u>	
8	<u>age</u> or under	\$25.00
9	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$23.00
10	(11) Seven-day fishing license	<del>\$31.00</del> <u>\$32.00</u>

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12 \* \* \* Labor \* \* \*

13 \* \* \* Workers' Compensation Fund \* \* \*

14 Sec. 26. WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

15 For fiscal year 2016, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A.

16 § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly has established that

17 the rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers'

18 compensation insurance shall be set at the rate of 1.45 percent established in

19 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 191, Sec. 7, notwithstanding 21 V.S.A. § 711(a).

20 The contribution rate for self-insured workers' compensation losses and

1 workers' compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A.  
2 chapter 9 shall remain at one percent.

3 \* \* \* Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets \* \* \*

4 Sec. 27. 6 V.S.A. § 366 is amended to read:

5 § 366. TONNAGE FEES

6 \* \* \*

7 (h) There shall be paid annually to the Secretary for all fertilizers  
8 distributed to a nonregistrant consumer in this State an annual fee at a rate of  
9 \$30.00 per ton for the purpose of supporting agricultural water quality  
10 programs in Vermont.

11 (1) Persons distributing fertilizer shall report annually on or before  
12 January 15 for the previous year ending December 31 to the Secretary  
13 revealing the amounts of each grade of fertilizer and the form in which the  
14 fertilizer was distributed within this State. Each report shall be accompanied  
15 with payment and written permission allowing the Secretary to examine the  
16 person's books for the purpose of verifying tonnage reports.

17 (2) No information concerning tonnage sales furnished to the Secretary  
18 under this section shall be disclosed in such a way as to divulge the details of  
19 the business operation to any person unless it is necessary for the enforcement  
20 of the provisions of this chapter.

1           (3) A \$150.00 minimum tonnage fee shall be assessed on all distributors  
2           who distribute fertilizers in this State.

3           (4) Agricultural limes, including agricultural lime mixed with wood ash,  
4           are exempt from the tonnage fees required in subsection (f) of this section.

5           (5) All fees shall be deposited in the revolving fund created by  
6           subsection 364(e) of this title and dedicated to staff and programs for water  
7           quality as covered in this title.

8           Sec. 28. 6 V.S.A. § 3022(b) is amended to read:

9           (b) Any person who is the owner of any bees, apiary, colony, or hive shall  
10           pay a \$10.00 annual registration fee for each location of hives. The fee  
11           revenue, ~~together with any other funds appropriated to the Agency for this~~  
12           ~~purpose,~~ shall be collected by the Secretary and credited to the Weights and  
13           Measures Testing Fund to be used to offset the costs of inspection services and  
14           to provide educational services and technical assistance to beekeepers in the  
15           State.

16           Sec. 29. 9 V.S.A. § 2632(b) is amended to read:

17           (b) Fees and reimbursements of costs collected by the Agency of  
18           Agriculture, Food and Markets under the provisions of this chapter and  
19           6 V.S.A. § 3022 shall be credited to a weights and measures special fund and  
20           shall be available to the Agency to offset the costs of implementing this  
21           chapter and 6 V.S.A. chapter 172.

1                   \* \* \* Agency of Commerce and Community Development \* \* \*

2                   Sec. 30. 10 V.S.A. § 128 is added to read:

3                   § 128. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

4                   SPECIAL FUND

5                   (a) A Special Fund is created for the operation of the Vermont Center for  
6                   Geographic Information in the Agency of Commerce and Community  
7                   Development. The Fund shall consist of revenues derived from the charges by  
8                   the Agency of Commerce and Community Development pursuant to  
9                   subsection (c) of this section for the provision of Geographic Information  
10                  products and services, interest earned by the Fund, and sums which from time  
11                  to time may be made available for the support of the Center and its operations.  
12                  The Fund shall be established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7,  
13                  subchapter 5 and shall be available to the Agency to support activities of the  
14                  Center.

15                  (b) The receipt and expenditure of monies from the Special Fund shall be  
16                  under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Community  
17                  Development.

18                  (c) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the Secretary of Commerce and  
19                  Community Development is authorized to impose charges reasonably related  
20                  to the costs of the products and services of the Vermont Center for Geographic

1 Information, including the cost of personnel, equipment, supplies, and  
2 intellectual property.

3 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

4 Sec. 31. EFFECTIVE DATES

5 (a) This section and Secs. 27 and 28 shall take effect on passage.

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

7 (c) Sec. 24 shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

8 (d) Sec. 25 shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

9 (e) Sec. 29 shall take effect on passage and apply as of February 8, 2015.

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