



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

§ 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

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

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

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

Sec. E.713 Natural resources board - Budget Adjustment Act

(a) As part of budget testimony in the 2015 legislative session, the Agency of Natural Resources in conjunction with the Natural Resources Board shall by March 31, 2015 submit a plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for consolidation within the Agency, to achieve a General Fund appropriation reduction of at least \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016. The General Assembly shall indicate approval of the plan by reducing by at least \$200,000 the amount of General Fund from the amount proposed in the Governor's budget submission for Departments included in the consolidation.

See Lines 65 through 74 on the FY 16 Fee Spreadsheet.

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

§ 2809. REIMBURSEMENT OF AGENCY COSTS

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

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

(B) The Secretary does have such expertise services but has made a determination that it is beyond the Agency's internal capacity to effectively utilize ~~that expertise use~~ such services effectively to process the application for the permit, license, certification, or order. In addition, the Secretary shall determine that such ~~expertise is~~ services are required for the processing of the 1 application for the permit, license, certification, or order.

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

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

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