

**H. 872 – FEE BILL SECTION BY SECTION**  
**As Passed the House**

<b>Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b>	
Sec. 1	<p>General Powers; Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets</p> <p>Creates a new \$27.00 late fee for licenses, registrations, permits, and certifications renewed after the second renewal notice has been mailed.</p>
Sec. 2	<p>Certificate of Free Sale</p> <p>Reduces the Secretary’s authority to issue only certificates of free sale for export of Vermont products, and not certificates of manufacturing. Reduces the Secretary’s authority to issue certificates of free sale to only those who manufacture or produce Vermont food, not personal care products. Increases the fee per certificate.</p>
Sec. 3	<p>Commercial Feeds</p> <p>Increases the registration fee for commercial feeds, including livestock and pet foods.</p>
Sec. 4	<p>Agricultural Lime</p> <p>Increases the registration fee for agricultural lime products.</p>
Sec. 5	<p>Fertilizer Tonnage Fees</p> <p>Increases the annual tonnage fee on distributors of fertilizer from \$0.25 to \$0.50, and limits it to agricultural fertilizer. Imposes a \$150.00 base fee on both agricultural and nonagricultural fertilizer, rather than on nonagricultural fertilizer alone.</p>
Sec. 6	<p>Maple Products</p> <p>Increases the annual license fees for maple dealers and producers.</p>
Sec. 7-8	<p>Seeds</p> <p>Adjusts the certification fees for seed potato growers. Increases the inspection fees for seed manufacturers or processors who distribute seeds in the State.</p>
Sec. 9	<p>Livestock Dealers</p> <p>Increases the license application fees for persons who buy, sell, auction, or transport livestock.</p>
Sec. 10	<p>Public Warehouses that Store Farm Products</p> <p>Adjusts the annual license fee for public warehouses that store farm products.</p>
Sec. 11	<p>Insecticides, Fungicides, and Rodenticides</p> <p>Increases the annual fee per product for insecticides, fungicides, &amp; rodenticides.</p>
Sec. 12-13	<p>Pesticides</p> <p>Increases licensing and certification fees for pesticide dealers, companies, and applicators. Eliminates exemption from certification and licensing requirements and fee for federal and state agencies and municipalities and public education institutions. Creates a new \$25.00 fee for private pesticide applicators.</p>

Sec. 14-15	<p>Milk Handlers' Licenses</p> <p>Creates a new annual cap of \$750.00 in fees for milk handlers' licenses for the transportation of bulk milk. Changes categories and corresponding license fees for milk handlers. Creates new milk handlers' license fee categories for amounts of milk handled per production day over 25,000 pounds.</p>
Sec. 16-17	<p>Dairy; Processing Equipment; Frozen Desserts</p> <p>Increases registration fees for commercial enterprises that sell, install, or repair milking, milk cooling and storage, or dairy processing equipment. Increases annual license fee for manufacturers of frozen desserts.</p>
Sec. 18	<p>Dairy Promotion Council</p> <p>Repeals fee on handlers for all fluid milk sold in Vermont. These funds have been used to promote the sale of milk and milk products.</p>
Sec. 19	<p>Retail Sale of Livestock and Poultry Products</p> <p>Increases fees for retail vendors with meat cutting operations or meat display space. Increases fee for all other meat-handling establishments except public warehouses that store meat and other farm products.</p>
Sec. 20	<p>Nursery Inspection</p> <p>Adjusts license fees for plant nursery growers or dealers.</p>
Sec. 21	<p>Plants Taken from the Wild; Ginseng</p> <p>Increases three-year fee for permit to collect and sell wild plants, including ginseng.</p>
Sec. 22	<p>Small Farm Certification</p> <p>Requires the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to report to the General Assembly in November 2016 with a proposed fee for small farms required to certify compliance with water quality requirements.</p>
Sec. 23	<p>Manure Applicators Certification</p> <p>Creates a new \$30.00 annual fee for the registration of custom manure applicators.</p> <p>Custom manure applicator means a person who engages in the business of applying manure or nutrients to land, and who charges or collects other consideration for the service.</p>
Sec. 24	<p>Laser Scanning Check-Out Systems</p> <p>Reduces the exemption for retail stores from the annual license fee imposed per retail laser scanner. The new exemption only applies to stores with two or fewer scanners. Stores with three or more scanners will be subject to the per scanner fee. Retains the current fee of \$10.00 per scanner.</p>
Sec. 25-27	<p>Weights and Measures</p> <p>Increases the license fee for public weighmasters. Increases the registration fee for weighing device dealers or repair persons. Increases the annual operating license fees for various meters and scales. Repeals the annual license fees for the following weighing devices: taxi meters, bulk plant meters, and all medium duty</p>

	scales other than portable platform scales.
Sec. 28-29	<p>Welfare of Animals</p> <p>Repeals the registration requirement for animal shelters or rescue organizations. Increases the license fee for pet shops.</p>
<b>Department of Financial Regulation</b>	
Sec. 30-31	<p>Business Entity Limited Lines Producers</p> <p>Creates a new category of business entity limited lines insurance providers, so that a business may sell limited lines insurance such as travel accident or travel baggage insurance.</p> <p>Creates a corresponding fee of \$150.00 for both the initial licensing and subsequent biennial renewals</p>
Sec. 33-34	<p>Mutual Fund Fee; Investment Company Notice Filing</p> <p>Increases the notice filing fee per portfolio or class of securities for investment companies, and divides it into two separate fees. Creates a new \$2,000.00 fee for the initial filing. Increases the existing \$600.00 fee required for each annual renewal to \$1,500.00.</p> <p>Creates a new exemption for the Department of Financial Regulation to exempt it from limitations on what it raises revenues for through its fees. Allows DFR to raise revenues through its fees that are not directly related to its costs of regulation.</p>
<b>Center for Crime Victim Services</b>	
Sec. 35	<p>Marriage License Fee; Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services</p> <p>Increases the marriage license fee collected by town clerks for issuing and recording a marriage or civil union license. The portion of the marriage license fee that is deposited into the Domestic and Special Violence Special Fund is increased by the full amount of the fee increase.</p>
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>	
Sec. 36-37	<p>Public Safety; Hazardous Substances; Fire Prevention</p> <p>Increases fees for the use or storage of hazardous substances. Increases permit application fees for the approval of a construction plan according to fire prevention and building code.</p>
<b>Department of Liquor Control</b>	
Sec. 38-39	<p>Liquor Control Licensing; Education Requirement</p> <p>Increases many existing liquor licensing fees.</p> <p>Establishes fees for required in-person or online training seminars for liquor licensees applying for new licenses or renewing existing licenses, or obtaining training for employees. Allows licensees to continue training their employees using materials approved by the Department.</p>
Sec. 40-42	<p>Tobacco Licensing; Tobacco Substitutes; Education Requirement</p> <p>Creates a new endorsement requirement and annual \$50.00 fee for anyone who sells tobacco substitutes, including electronic cigarettes.</p> <p>Creates a new annual tobacco substitute manufacturer fee of \$1,000.00 per</p>

	<p>brand, not including individual flavors.</p> <p>Establishes fees for required in-person or online training seminars for tobacco licensees applying for new licenses or renewing existing licenses, or obtaining training for employees. Allows licensees to continue training their employees using materials approved by the Department.</p>
Sec. 43	<p>Common Carriers of Alcoholic Beverages; Education Requirement</p> <p>Inserts reference to new education requirement for common carriers of alcoholic beverages.</p>
<b>Agency of Natural Resources</b>	
Sec. 44	<p>Fish and Wildlife; Licenses and Permits</p> <p>Increases fees for resident combination hunting and fishing licenses, and for nonresident fishing licenses, and nonresident combination hunting and fishing licenses. Repeals fees for resident second muzzle loader licenses, second archery licenses, and for senior residents 65 and older to receive one or multiple licenses. Permits both resident and nonresident bear tags at any time during the season.</p> <p>Creates new free senior licenses for residents 70 years of age or older.</p>
Sec. 45	<p>Department of Environmental Conservation</p> <p>Creates new stormwater discharge permit fees for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO): \$1,500.00 for a medium farm operation, and \$2,500.00 for a large farm operation.</p>
<b>Department of Labor</b>	
Sec. 46	<p>Workers' Compensation Fund Rate of Contribution</p> <p>Maintains the Workers' Compensation Fund premium rate at 1.45 percent for fiscal year 2017.</p>
<b>Agency of Education</b>	
Sec. 47	<p>Agency of Education; Educator Preparation Program Accreditation</p> <p>Creates five new fees to fund the Results Oriented Program Approval (ROPA) process, which accredits Vermont institutions of higher education with educator preparation programs. The educator programs will pay the fees.</p>
<b>Effective Dates</b>	
Sec. 48	<p>Effective Dates</p> <p>(a) Sec. 5 (fertilizer tonnage fee) takes effect retroactively on January 1, 2016.  (b) Sec. 48 (effective dates) takes effect on passage.  (c) All other sections take effect on July 1, 2016.</p>