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An act relating to Executive Branch and Judiciary fees

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 1431 is amended to read:

§ 1431. FEES IN SUPREME AND SUPERIOR COURTS

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(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2)–(5) of this subsection, prior to the entry of any cause in the Superior Court, there shall be paid to the clerk of the court for the benefit of the State a fee of \$295.00 in lieu of all other fees not otherwise set forth in this section.

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(6) Prior to the registration in Vermont of a child custody determination issued by a court of another state, there shall be paid to the clerk of the court for the benefit of the State a fee of \$90.00 unless the request for registration is filed with a simultaneous motion for enforcement or modification, in which event the fee for registration shall be \$40.00 in addition to the fee for the motion as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

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(e) Prior to the filing of any postjudgment motion in the Civil, Criminal, or Environmental Division of the Superior Court, including motions to reopen

civil suspensions and motions for sealing or expungement in the Criminal Division pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7602, or motions to reopen existing cases in the Probate Division of the Superior Court, there shall be paid to the clerk of the court for the benefit of the State a fee of \$90.00 except for small claims actions and estates. A filing fee of \$90.00 shall be paid to the clerk of the court for a civil petition for minor settlements.

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Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 1434 is amended to read:

§ 1434. PROBATE CASES

(a) The following entry fees shall be paid to the Probate Division of the Superior Court for the benefit of the State, except for subdivisions (18) and (19) of this subsection which shall be for the benefit of the county in which the fee was collected:

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(12) Annual accounts on decedents' estates filed for any period ending more than one year following the <del>opening of the estate</del> <u>appointment of the administrator or executor</u>	\$85.00
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- (28) Petitions for minor settlement  
pursuant to 14 V.S.A. § 2643 \$90.00
- (29) Motion to reopen estate for  
newly discovered asset fee based on the  
value of the newly  
discovered asset,  
pursuant to  
subdivisions  
(1)–(8) of this  
subsection.
- (30) Affidavit procedure for small estates  
pursuant to Rule 80.3h of the  
Vermont Rules of Probate Procedure \$50.00
- (31) Requests for findings regarding  
motor vehicle title pursuant to  
23 V.S.A. § 2023(e)(2) \$50.00

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Sec. 3. 32 V.S.A. § 1751 is amended to read:

§ 1751. FEES WHEN NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED

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(b)(1) Whenever court officers and employees or officers and employees of the Judicial Bureau furnish copies or certified copies of records, the following fees shall be collected for the benefit of the State:

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(F) For appointment as an acting judge pursuant to 4 V.S.A § 22(b) for the purpose of performing a civil marriage, \$100.00.

(G) For exemplified certificates, \$10.00.

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Sec. 4. 21 V.S.A. § 711 is amended to read:

§ 711. WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION FUND

(a) A Workers' Compensation Administration Fund is created pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 to be expended by the Commissioner for the administration of the workers' compensation and occupational disease programs. The Fund shall consist of contributions from employers made at a rate of ~~4.75~~ 1.4 percent of the direct calendar year premium for workers' compensation insurance, one percent of self-insured workers' compensation losses, and one percent of workers' compensation losses of corporations

approved under this chapter. Disbursements from the Fund shall be on warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and Management in anticipation of receipts authorized by this section.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.