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2 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

3 Date:

4 Subject: Executive Branch; Judicial Branch; fees

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the  
6 fees set by the Executive Branch and the Judicial Branch.

7 An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial Branch fees

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

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

10 \* \* \* Hemp \* \* \*

11 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 564(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) ~~The Secretary may assess an annual registration fee of \$25.00 for the~~  
13 ~~performance of his or her duties under this chapter.~~ A person shall not grow  
14 hemp, process floral material from hemp, or manufacture hemp-infused  
15 products in the State unless registered with the Secretary. A person that  
16 intends to carry out these activities must apply to register on an annual basis on  
17 forms provided by the Secretary. The annual registration shall terminate on  
18 December 31 of each year. At the time the person submits the application to  
19 the Secretary for review, the person shall pay an annual registration fee based  
20 on the amount of acreage and end-use product of hemp that the person intends

1 to grow in the year for which the person is registering, as set forth in  
2 subdivisions (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this subsection, or pay the annual  
3 registration fee set forth in subdivision (5) of this subsection if the person only  
4 intends to process floral material from hemp or manufacture hemp-infused  
5 products. If the person wants to grow more acres than the amount that it has  
6 registered for during the calendar year, the person must first pay the additional  
7 annual registration fee based on the amount of acreage to be added. The  
8 following fees shall be paid when registering:

9 (1) A person growing hemp for seed, grain crop, fiber, or textile shall  
10 pay a flat fee of \$100.00 per year.

11 (2) A person growing less than 0.5 acres of hemp for personal use shall  
12 pay a flat fee of \$25.00 per year.

13 (3) A person growing hemp commercially for floral material production,  
14 viable seed, or cannabinoids including, but not limited to, Cannabidiolic Acid  
15 (CBDA), Cannabidiol (CBD), Cannabinol (CBN), Cannabigerol (CBG),  
16 Cannabichromene (CBC), and Tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV), shall pay a  
17 grower registration fee based on the number of acres planted per year as  
18 follows:

19 (A) if the number of acres planted is less than 0.5 acres, a fee  
20 of \$50.00;

1 (B) if the number of acres planted is 0.5 acres to less than 10 acres,  
2 a fee of \$250.00;

3 (C) if the number of acres planted is 10 acres to 50 acres, a fee  
4 of \$500.00; and

5 (D) if the number of acres planted is greater than 50 acres, a fee  
6 of \$1,500.00.

7 (4) A person growing less than one acre of hemp who also processes the  
8 floral material or manufactures hemp-infused products with the hemp that they  
9 grow shall pay a flat fee of \$500.00.

10 (5) A person processing floral material from hemp or manufacturing  
11 hemp-infused products shall pay a flat fee of \$1,500.00 per year. A person  
12 subject to the fee imposed by subdivision (4) of this subsection shall not be  
13 subject to the fee imposed by this subdivision.

14 Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 567 is amended to read:

15 § 567. AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS; TESTING

16 (a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall establish a cannabis  
17 quality control program for the following purposes:

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1 (4) to certify testing laboratories that can offer the services in  
2 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this ~~section~~ subsection.

3 (b) An analytical testing laboratory certified under the cannabis quality  
4 control program described in subsection (a) of this section shall register with  
5 the Secretary on an annual basis and shall pay an annual registration fee of  
6 \$1,500.00, which shall be due at the time of certification.

7 \* \* \* Department of Financial Regulation \* \* \*

8 \* \* \* Banks and Other Financial Institutions \* \* \*

9 \* \* \* Licensed Lenders \* \* \*

10 Sec. 3. 8 V.S.A. § 2202 is amended to read:

11 § 2202. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; LICENSE AND INVESTIGATION

12 FEES

13 (a) ~~Application~~ An application for a license shall be in writing, under oath,  
14 and in the form prescribed by the Commissioner, and shall contain the legal  
15 name, any fictitious name or trade name, and the address of the residence and  
16 place of business of the applicant, and if the applicant is a partnership or  
17 association, of every member thereof, and if a corporation, of each officer and  
18 director thereof; also the county and municipality with street and number, if  
19 any, where the business is to be conducted and such further information as the  
20 Commissioner may require.

1 (b) At the time of making an application, the applicant shall pay to the  
2 Commissioner a fee for investigating the application and a license fee for a  
3 period terminating on the last day of the current calendar year. The following  
4 fees are imposed on applicants:

5 (1) For an ~~applicant~~ application for a ~~lender's~~ lender license, \$1,000.00  
6 as a license fee, and \$1,000.00 as an application and investigation fee for the  
7 initial license. For each additional lender license from the same applicant,  
8 \$500.00 as a license fee and \$500.00 as an application and investigation fee.

9 (2) For an ~~applicant~~ application for a mortgage ~~broker's~~ broker license,  
10 other than a mortgage broker that meets each of the requirements of  
11 subdivisions (b)(3)(A)-(B) of this section, \$500.00 as a license fee, and  
12 \$500.00 as an application and investigation fee.

13 (3) For an ~~applicant~~ application for a mortgage ~~broker's~~ broker license  
14 that meets each of the following requirements, \$250.00 as a license fee, and  
15 \$250.00 as an application and investigation fee:

16 (A) The applicant is an individual sole proprietor.

17 (B) No person, other than the applicant, shall be authorized to act as a  
18 mortgage broker under the applicant's license.

19 (4) For an ~~applicant~~ application for a mortgage loan originator license,  
20 \$50.00 as a license fee, and \$50.00 as an application and investigation fee.

1           (5) For an ~~applicant~~ application for a sales finance ~~company's~~ company  
2 license, \$350.00 as a license fee, and \$350.00 as an application and  
3 investigation fee.

4           (6) For an ~~applicant~~ application for a loan solicitation license, \$500.00  
5 as a license fee, and \$500.00 as an application and investigation fee.

6           (7) For an application for any combination of lender license under this  
7 chapter, mortgage broker license under this chapter, loan solicitation license  
8 under this chapter, or loan servicer license under chapter 85 of this title,  
9 \$1,500.00 as a license fee and \$1,500.00 as an application and investigation  
10 fee.

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12           Sec. 4. 8 V.S.A. § 2204(b) is amended to read:

13           (b) If the Commissioner does not find as set forth in subsection (a) of this  
14 section, the Commissioner shall not issue a license. Within 60 days of filing of  
15 the completed application, the Commissioner shall notify the applicant of the  
16 denial, stating the reason or reasons therefore. If after the allowable period, no  
17 request for reconsideration under subsection 2205(a) of this title is received  
18 from the applicant, the Commissioner shall return to the applicant the bond and  
19 the sum paid by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and  
20 investigation fee to cover the costs of investigating the application.

1 Sec. 5. 8 V.S.A. § 2204c(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) If the Commissioner does not find as set forth in subsection (a) of this  
3 section, the Commissioner shall not issue a license. Within 60 days of filing of  
4 the completed application, the Commissioner shall notify the applicant of the  
5 denial, stating the reason or reasons therefor. If, after the allowable period, no  
6 request for reconsideration under subsection 2205(a) of this title is received  
7 from the applicant, the Commissioner shall return to the applicant the sum paid  
8 by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and investigation fee  
9 to cover the costs of investigating the application.

10 Sec. 6. 8 V.S.A. § 2205(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) If the Commissioner is unable to make findings as set forth in section  
12 2204 of this title, the Commissioner shall not issue a license. Within 60 days  
13 of filing of the request for reconsideration, the Commissioner shall notify the  
14 applicant of the denial, and return to the applicant the bond and the sum paid  
15 by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and investigation fee  
16 to cover the costs of investigating the application. The applicant may request  
17 review by the Superior Court in Washington County upon action brought in the  
18 usual form by an aggrieved party, within 15 days after written notice of the  
19 denial of the request for reconsideration.

1 Sec. 7. 8 V.S.A. § 2209(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) On or before December 1 of each year, every licensee shall renew its  
3 license for the next succeeding calendar year and shall pay to the  
4 Commissioner a renewal of license fee. At a minimum, the licensee shall  
5 continue to meet the standards for license issuance under section 2204 of this  
6 title. At the same time, the licensee shall maintain with the Commissioner a  
7 bond in the amount and of the character as required by section 2203 of this title  
8 or as required by the Commissioner under section 2207 of this title. The  
9 annual license renewal fee shall be:

10 (1) For the renewal of a ~~lender's~~ lender license, \$1,200.00.

11 (2) For the renewal of a mortgage ~~broker's~~ broker license, other than a  
12 mortgage broker that meets each of the requirements of subdivision (3)(A)-(C),  
13 of this subsection, \$500.00.

14 (3) For the renewal of a mortgage ~~broker's~~ broker license that meets  
15 each of the following requirements, \$250.00:

16 (A) The mortgage broker license is held by an individual sole  
17 proprietor.

18 (B) No person, other than the individual sole proprietor, ~~is~~ shall be  
19 authorized to act as a mortgage broker under this license.

20 (C) The mortgage broker originated five or fewer loans within the  
21 last calendar year.





1 renew its registration on or before December 1 each year and shall pay a  
2 \$200.00 renewal fee at the time of each renewal.

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4 \* \* \* Money Services; Money Transmission Licenses \* \* \*

5 Sec. 9. 8 V.S.A. § 2506(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) At the time of making application, the applicant shall pay to the  
7 Department a nonrefundable application and investigation fee of \$1,000.00, a  
8 license fee of ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.00 for the applicant, and ~~a license fee of \$25.00~~  
9 as a license fee for each authorized delegate location. The license fee shall be  
10 refunded if the application is denied.

11 Sec. 10. 8 V.S.A. § 2508(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) If the Commissioner is unable to make findings as set forth in  
13 subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner shall not issue a license.  
14 Within 60 days of filing of the request for reconsideration, the Commissioner  
15 shall notify the applicant of the denial, and return to the applicant the bond and  
16 the sum paid by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and  
17 investigation fee to cover the costs of investigating the application. The  
18 applicant may request review by the Superior Court in Washington County  
19 upon action brought in the usual form by an aggrieved party, within 15 days  
20 after written notice of the denial of the request for reconsideration.

1 Sec. 11. 8 V.S.A. § 2509(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) ~~Not~~ Not later than December 1 for the next succeeding calendar year, a  
3 licensee under this subchapter shall pay to the Department an annual license  
4 renewal fee of ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.00, plus an annual renewal fee of \$25.00 for  
5 each authorized delegate location, provided that the total renewal fee for all  
6 authorized delegate locations shall not exceed \$3,500.00.

7 \* \* \* Money Services; Check Cashing and Currency Exchange \* \* \*

8 Sec. 12. 8 V.S.A. § 2516(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) A nonrefundable application and investigation fee of \$500.00 and a  
10 license fee of \$500.00 shall accompany an application for a license under this  
11 subchapter. The license fee shall be refunded if the application is denied.

12 Sec. 13. 8 V.S.A. § 2517(d) is amended to read:

13 (d) If the Commissioner is unable to make findings as set forth in  
14 subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner shall not issue a license.  
15 Within 60 days of filing of the request for reconsideration, the Commissioner  
16 shall notify the applicant of the denial, and return to the applicant the sum paid  
17 by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and investigation fee  
18 to cover the costs of investigating the application. The applicant may request  
19 review by the Superior Court in Washington County upon action brought in the  
20 usual form by an aggrieved party within 15 days after written notice of the  
21 denial of the request for reconsideration.



1 application and investigation fee and a \$1,000.00 license fee for a period  
2 terminating on the last day of the current calendar year.

3 Sec. 17. 8 V.S.A. § 2904(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) If the Commissioner does not find as set forth in subsection (a) of this  
5 section, the Commissioner shall not issue a license. Within 60 days of filing of  
6 the completed application, the Commissioner shall notify the applicant of the  
7 denial, stating the reason or reasons therefor. If after the allowable period, no  
8 request for reconsideration under subsection 2905(a) of this title is received  
9 from the applicant, the Commissioner shall return to the applicant the bond and  
10 the sum paid by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and  
11 investigation fee to cover the costs of investigating the application.

12 Sec. 18. 8 V.S.A. § 2905(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) If the Commissioner is unable to make findings as set forth in section  
14 2904 of this chapter, the Commissioner shall not issue a license. Within 60  
15 days of filing of the request for reconsideration, the Commissioner shall notify  
16 the applicant of the denial, and return to the applicant the bond and the sum  
17 paid by the applicant as a license fee, retaining the application and  
18 investigation fee to cover the costs of investigating the application. The  
19 applicant may request review by the Superior Court in Washington County  
20 upon action brought in the usual form by an aggrieved party within 15 days  
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\* \* \* Insurance \* \* \*

\* \* \* Term of License \* \* \*

Sec. 19. 8 V.S.A. § 4798 is amended to read:

§ 4798. TERM OF LICENSE

(a) Except as provided by ~~subsection~~ subsections (b) and (d) of this section, all licenses issued pursuant to this subchapter shall continue in force not longer than 24 months.

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(d) Producer appointments shall expire as of 12:01 a.m. on the first day of June ~~of the odd-numbered year next~~ following the date of issuance. ~~Biennially~~ Annually, before the expiration of producer appointments, the Commissioner shall provide each insurer with an alphabetical appointment renewal list of the names for all of its producers in the State. Each insurer shall return the list and identify the producer appointments to be renewed in a manner and time specified by the Commissioner. Payment of the ~~biennial~~ annual producer appointment renewal fee, as specified in section 4800 of this title, shall be made in a manner and time specified by the Commissioner.

\* \* \* License Requirements \* \* \*

Sec. 20. 8 V.S.A. § 4800(2)(A) is amended to read:

(2)(A) All license applications shall be accompanied by a \$30.00 fee plus the applicable fees as follows:

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(iii) Except as provided in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this subdivision, initial and biennial producer appointment fees for each qualification set forth in section 4813g of subchapter 1A of this chapter for resident and nonresident producers acting as agents of foreign insurers, ~~\$60.00~~ \$90.00:

(I) the Commissioner may charge one fee for a qualification in “property and casualty” insurance; and

(II) the Commissioner may charge one fee for a qualification in “life and accident and health or sickness” insurance.

(iv) Initial 24-month appointment and biennial renewal appointment fee for limited lines producers, ~~\$60.00~~ \$90.00.

(v) Initial 24-month license and biennial renewal fee for resident and nonresident adjusters, and appraisers licenses, ~~\$60.00~~ \$90.00, and public adjusters, \$200.00.

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Sec. 20a. 8 V.S.A. § 4800(2)(A) is amended to read:

(2)(A) All license applications shall be accompanied by a \$30.00 fee plus the applicable fees as follows:

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1 (iii) Except as provided in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this  
2 subdivision, initial and ~~biennial~~ annual producer appointment fees for each  
3 qualification set forth in section 4813g of subchapter 1A of this chapter for  
4 resident and nonresident producers acting as agents of foreign insurers, ~~\$90.00~~  
5 \$50.00:

6 (I) the Commissioner may charge one fee for a qualification in  
7 “property and casualty” insurance; and

8 (II) the Commissioner may charge one fee for a qualification in  
9 “life and accident and health or sickness” insurance.

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11 \* \* \* Securities Act \* \* \*

12 \* \* \* Agents, Investment Advisers, Investment Adviser Representatives,  
13 and Federal Covered Investment Advisors \* \* \*

14 Sec. 21. 9 V.S.A. § 5410(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) The fee for an individual is ~~\$90.00~~ \$120.00 when filing an application  
16 for registration as an agent, ~~\$90.00~~ \$120.00 when filing a renewal of  
17 registration as an agent, and ~~\$90.00~~ \$120.00 when filing for a change of  
18 registration as an agent. If the filing results in a denial or withdrawal, the  
19 Commissioner shall retain the fee.



1                                   \* \* \* Department of Fish and Wildlife \* \* \*

2                                   \* \* \* License Fees \* \* \*

3       Sec. 22. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

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

6           (1) Fishing license	<del>\$26.00</del> <u>\$28.00</u>
7           (2) Hunting license	<del>\$26.00</del> <u>\$28.00</u>
8           (3) Combination hunting and fishing license	<del>\$42.00</del> <u>\$47.00</u>

9                                   \* \* \*

10          (b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the  
11       Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

12          (1) Fishing license	<del>\$52.00</del> <u>\$54.00</u>
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14          (4) Hunting license	<del>\$100.00</del> <u>\$102.00</u>
15          (5) Combination hunting and fishing license	<del>\$138.00</del> <u>\$143.00</u>

16                                   \* \* \*

17                                   \* \* \* Lifetime Licenses \* \* \*

18       Sec. 23. 10 V.S.A. § 4279(f) is amended to read:

19           (f) Fees for lifetime licenses shall be the appropriate multiplication factor  
20       for the child's or adult's age multiplied by the fee for the appropriate license.  
21       Appropriate license fees are those in subdivisions 4255(a)(1), (2), and (3) of

1 this title for residents and subdivisions 4255(b)(1), (4), and (5) of this title for  
2 nonresidents. Multiplication factors are as follows:

3 (1) for children under 1 year of age 6 8

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5 \* \* \* Department of Labor \* \* \*

6 \* \* \* Workers' Compensation Fund \* \* \*

7 Sec. 24. WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

8 For fiscal year 2020, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A.  
9 § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly determines that the  
10 rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers'  
11 compensation insurance shall remain at the rate of 1.4 percent. The  
12 contribution rate for self-insured workers' compensation losses and workers'  
13 compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A. chapter 9 shall  
14 remain at one percent.

15 \* \* \* Department of Motor Vehicles \* \* \*

16 \* \* \* All-Terrain Vehicles \* \* \*

17 Sec. 25. 23 V.S.A. § 3504(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The registration fee for all-terrain vehicles other than as provided for in  
19 subsection (b) of this section is ~~\$35.00~~ \$45.00. Duplicate registration  
20 certificates may be obtained upon payment of \$6.00 to the Department.

1           \* \* \* Department of Public Service and Public Utility Commission \* \* \*

2                                   \* \* \* Gross Receipts Tax \* \* \*

3       Sec. 26. 30 V.S.A. § 22 is amended to read:

4       § 22. TAX TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION

5           (a) For the purpose of maintaining the Department of Public Service and  
6       Public Utility Commission, including expenses related to maintaining an  
7       adequate engineering, legal, and administrative force in the Department of  
8       Public Service and paying all the expenses incident thereof, including rents,  
9       each person, partnership, association, or private or municipal corporation  
10      conducting a business subject to the supervision of the Department of Public  
11      Service and Public Utility Commission, including electric cooperatives, shall  
12      pay into the State Treasury on or before April 15 annually, in addition to the  
13      taxes now required by law to be paid, a tax, at the rate hereinafter named,  
14      according to the nature of the public service business engaged in by such  
15      person, partnership, association, or private or municipal corporation, based on  
16      the gross operating revenue received by such person, partnership, association,  
17      or private or municipal corporation in the conduct of such business in the State  
18      during the year next preceding, as shown by the annual report filed on or  
19      before such date with the Department of Public Service on the form prescribed  
20      by it and containing such information as may be necessary to enable the  
21      Department to determine the amount of the tax payable.

1           (1) The rate of tax for each type of public service company, for the  
2           purpose of maintaining the Department of Public Service, shall be the  
3           following:

4           (1)(A) for companies, cooperative, municipal or privately owned,  
5           generating, distributing, selling, or transmitting electric energy, ~~0.0050~~  
6           0.00320 of gross operating revenue;

7           (2)(B) for telephone companies, ~~0.0050~~ 0.003 of gross operating  
8           revenue or ~~\$500.00~~ \$300.00, whichever is greater;

9           (3)(C) for gas companies, ~~0.0030~~ 0.00320 of gross operating revenue;

10          (4)(D) for water companies, ~~0.004~~ 0.0006 of gross operating revenue or  
11          ~~\$5.00~~ \$3.00, whichever is greater;

12          (5)(E) for companies owning or operating a cable television system,  
13          ~~0.005~~ 0.003 of gross operating revenue or ~~\$25.00~~ \$15.00, whichever is greater,  
14          \$25,000.00 of which shall be used each year by the Department for special  
15          planning functions relating to cable television systems;

16          (6)(F) for companies whose sole telephone business consists of owning  
17          customer-owned, coin-operated telephones with total annual revenues of less  
18          than \$5,000.00, the choice of either ~~0.0050~~ 0.003 of gross operating revenue  
19          from telephone revenues or the amount of ~~\$20.00~~ \$12.00; and

20          (7)(G) for all other companies named in section 203 of this title, ~~0.004~~  
21          0.0006 of gross operating revenues.

1           (2) The rate of tax for each type of public service company, for the  
2           purpose of maintaining the Public Utility Commission, shall be the following:

3                   (A) for companies, cooperative, municipal or privately owned,  
4                   generating, distributing, selling, or transmitting electric energy, 0.00205 of  
5                   gross operating revenue;

6                   (B) for telephone companies, 0.002 of gross operating revenue or  
7                   \$200.00, whichever is greater;

8                   (C) for gas companies, 0.00205 of gross operating revenue;

9                   (D) for water companies, 0.0004 of gross operating revenue or \$2.00,  
10                  whichever is greater;

11                  (E) for companies owning or operating a cable television system,  
12                  0.002 of gross operating revenue or \$10.00, whichever is greater;

13                  (F) for companies whose sole telephone business consists of owning  
14                  customer-owned, coin-operated telephones with total annual revenues of less  
15                  than \$5,000.00, the choice of either 0.002 of gross operating revenue from  
16                  telephone revenues or the amount of \$8.00; and

17                  (G) for all other companies named in section 203 of this title, 0.0004  
18                  of gross operating revenues.





1       (c) Definitions. As used in this section, “kW” and “plant capacity” have  
2       the same meaning as in section 8002 of this title.

3       (d) Electric and natural gas facilities. This subsection sets fees for  
4       applications under section 248 of this title.

5           (1) There shall be a registration fee of \$100.00 for each electric  
6       generation facility less than or equal to 50 kW in plant capacity, or for a  
7       rooftop project, or for a hydroelectric project filing a net metering registration,  
8       or for an application filed under subsection 248(n) of this title.

9           (2) There shall be a fee of \$25.00 for modifications for each electric  
10       generation facility less than or equal to 50 kW in plant capacity, or for a  
11       rooftop project, or for a hydroelectric project filing a net metering registration,  
12       or for an application filed under subsection 248(n) of this title.

13           (3) There shall be a fee for electric generation facilities that do not  
14       qualify for the lower fees in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection,  
15       calculated as follows:

16           (A) \$5.00 per kW; and

17           (B) \$100.00 for modifications.

18       (e) Report. On or before the third Tuesday of each annual legislative  
19       session, the Department and Commission shall jointly submit a report to the  
20       General Assembly by electronic submission. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.  
21       § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to this report. The



1 report shall list the fees collected and refunds approved, if any, under this  
2 section and under section 248d of this title during the preceding fiscal year.

3 Sec. 28. 30 V.S.A. § 248d is added to read:

4 § 248d. FEE REFUND

5 If an applicant withdraws an application and seeks a fee refund, then a  
6 written request for an application fee refund shall be submitted to the Public  
7 Utility Commission (Commission) within 90 days of the withdrawal of the  
8 application.

9 (1) As used in this section, “agency” means the Agency of Natural  
10 Resources, the Department of Public Service, or the Commission.

11 (2) In the event that an application is withdrawn before any agency has  
12 filed comments expressing a position on any part of the application, filed  
13 testimony, or filed a stipulated agreement with the Commission in the context  
14 of a certificate of public good proceeding, the Commission shall, upon request  
15 of the applicant, refund 50 percent of the fee paid to each agency above the  
16 first \$100.00; however, in no instance shall the agency retain more than  
17 \$20,000.00.

18 (3) In the event that an application is withdrawn after any agency has  
19 filed comments expressing a position on any part of the application, filed  
20 testimony, or filed a stipulated agreement with the Commission in the context  
21 of a certificate of public good proceeding, the Commission shall, upon request

1 of the applicant, refund 25 percent of the fee paid to each agency above the  
2 first \$100.00.

3 (4) Commission decisions regarding application fee refunds may be  
4 appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court.

5 (5) In no event may an application fee or a portion thereof be refunded  
6 after the Commission has issued a final decision on the merits of an  
7 application, whether the decision is to grant or deny the application in whole or  
8 in part.

9 (6) No interest will be due or payable on any money refunded under this  
10 section.

11 Sec. 29. EVALUATION OF FEES

12 The Department of Public Service (Department), in consultation with the  
13 Public Utility Commission (Commission), shall evaluate the feasibility of  
14 using billback mechanisms to recover the costs related to reviewing  
15 applications for in-state facilities under section 248 of this title for projects that  
16 produce five megawatts or more of electricity. The Department shall, on or  
17 before January 15 of 2020, submit electronically a report to the House  
18 Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Energy and  
19 Technology with their findings.

1                                   \* \* \* Secretary of State \* \* \*

2                                   \* \* \* Professional Regulation \* \* \*

3           Sec. 30. 3 V.S.A. § 125 is amended to read:

4           § 125. FEES

5           (a) In addition to the fees otherwise authorized by law, a board or adviser  
6           profession may charge the following fees:

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8                           (4) Continuing, qualifying, or preclicensing education course approval:

9   (A) Provider, \$100.00.

10   (B) Individual, \$25.00.

11           (b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the following fees shall apply to all  
12           professions regulated by the Director in consultation with advisor appointees  
13           under Title 26:

14   \* \* \*

15                           (2) Application for licensure or certification, \$100.00, except application  
16           for:

17   \* \* \*

18   (C) Application for real estate appraisers, \$275.00.

19   (D) Temporary real estate appraiser license, \$150.00.

20   (E) Appraisal management company registration, \$600.00.

21   \* \* \*

1 (4) Biennial renewal, ~~\$200.00~~ \$240.00, except biennial renewal for:

2 \* \* \*

3 (C) Physical therapists and assistants, ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00.

4 \* \* \*

5 (J) Appraisal management company registration, \$600.00.

6 (K) Radiologic therapist, radiologic technologist, nuclear medicine  
7 technologist, \$150.00.

8 \* \* \*

9 (6) Radiologic evaluation, \$125.00.

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11 \* \* \* Board of Public Accountancy \* \* \*

12 Sec. 31. 26 V.S.A. § 56 is amended to read:

13 § 56. FEES

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

16 (1) Application for license ~~\$ 75.00~~ \$ 100.00

17 (2) Biennial renewal of license ~~\$ 120.00~~ \$ 220.00

18 (3) Firm registration ~~and biennial renewal of registration~~ \$ 120.00

19 \$ 200.00

20 \* \* \*

1           (5) Firm biennial renewal of registration                                 \$ 400.00

2           (6) Sole proprietor firm biennial renewal of registration                                 \$ 200.00

3   \* \* \* Board of Dental Examiners \* \* \*

4         Sec. 32. 26 V.S.A. § 662(a) is amended to read:

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

7           (1) Application

8                         (A) Dentist ~~\$ 225.00~~ \$ 260.00

9                         (B) Dental therapist ~~\$ 185.00~~ \$ 200.00

10                        (C) Dental hygienist ~~\$ 150.00~~ \$ 180.00

11                        (D) Dental assistant ~~\$ 60.00~~ \$ 75.00

12           (2) Biennial renewal

13                        (A) Dentist ~~\$ 355.00~~ \$ 600.00

14                        (B) Dental therapist ~~\$ 225.00~~ \$ 275.00

15                        (C) Dental hygienist ~~\$ 125.00~~ \$ 225.00

16                        (D) Dental assistant ~~\$ 75.00~~ \$ 100.00

17   \* \* \* Board of Professional Engineering \* \* \*

18         Sec. 33. 26 V.S.A. § 1176 is amended to read:

19         § 1176. FEES

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



1 (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

2 (A) Initial endorsement of advanced practice registered nurses

3 ~~\$ 75.00~~ \$ 100.00

4 (B) Biennial renewal of advanced practice registered nurses ~~\$ 75.00~~

5 \$ 125.00

6 \* \* \* Board of Pharmacy \* \* \*

7 \* \* \* Licensing Fees \* \* \*

8 Sec. 35. 26 V.S.A. § 2046 is amended to read:

9 § 2046. FEES

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

12 (1) Initial application:

13 \* \* \*

14 (C) Institutional drug outlets ~~\$ 300.00~~ \$ 400.00

15 (D) Manufacturing drug outlet ~~\$ 300.00~~ \$ 400.00

16 (E) Wholesale drug outlet ~~\$ 600.00~~ \$ 700.00

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18 (H) Outsourcing drug outlet \$ 700.00

19 (I) Nuclear drug outlet \$ 700.00

20 (J) Compounding drug outlet \$ 700.00

21 (K) Home infusion drug outlet \$ 700.00

1	<u>(L) Third-party logistics</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
2	<u>(M) Pharmacy interns</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
3	(2) Biennial renewal:	
4	(A) Pharmacists	<del>\$ 100.00</del> <u>\$ 125.00</u>
5	(B) Retail drug outlets	<del>\$ 300.00</del> <u>\$ 400.00</u>
6	(C) Institutional drug outlets	<del>\$ 300.00</del> <u>\$ 500.00</u>
7	(D) Manufacturing drug outlet	<del>\$ 300.00</del> <u>\$ 500.00</u>
8	(E) Wholesale drug outlet	<del>\$ 300.00</del> <u>\$ 500.00</u>
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10	<u>(H) Outsourcing drug outlet</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
11	<u>(I) Nuclear drug outlet</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
12	<u>(J) Compounding drug outlet</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
13	<u>(K) Home infusion drug outlet</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
14	<u>(L) Third-party logistics</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
15	<u>(M) Pharmacy interns</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>

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17 \* \* \* Wholesale Distributors and Manufacturers \* \* \*

18 Sec. 36. 26 V.S.A. § 2076(c) is amended to read:

19 (c) If the Board determines it is necessary to inspect a certain premises  
20 under the same ownership more than once in any two-year period, the Board  
21 may charge a reinspection fee of not more than ~~\$100.00~~ \$500.00.





1	<del>(A) Renewal of a single primary license</del>	<del>\$ 110.00</del>
2	<del>(B) Renewal of each additional primary license</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>
3	<del>(3) Initial competency endorsement under section 2804</del>	
4	<del>of this title</del>	<del>\$ 100.00</del>
5	<del>(4) Biennial renewal of competency endorsement under</del>	
6	<del>section 2804 of this title</del>	<del>\$ 110.00</del>
7	<del>(5) Evaluation</del>	<del>\$ 125.00</del>

8 those fees set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 125(b).

9 \* \* \* Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners \* \* \*

10 \* \* \* Clinical Mental Health Counselors \* \* \*

11 Sec. 39. 26 V.S.A. § 3270a is amended to read:

12 § 3270a. FEES

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

15 (1) Application for licensure ~~\$125.00~~ \$150.00

16 (2) Biennial renewal ~~\$150.00~~ \$250.00

17 \* \* \* Board of Real Estate Appraisers \* \* \*

18 Sec. 40. 26 V.S.A. § 3316 is amended to read:

19 § 3316. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FEES

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

1	<del>(1) Application</del>	\$125.00
2	<del>(2) Initial license</del>	\$150.00
3	<del>(3) Biennial renewal</del>	\$200.00
4	<del>(4) Temporary license</del>	\$150.00
5	<del>(5) Prelicensing course review</del>	\$100.00
6	<del>(6) Continuing education course review</del>	\$100.00
7	<del>(7) Appraiser trainee annual registration</del>	\$100.00
8	<del>(8) Appraisal management company registration application</del>	
9		\$125.00
10	<del>(9) Appraisal management company registration renewal</del>	
11		\$400.00

12 In addition to the fees otherwise authorized by law, the Director may charge  
13 the fees for professions regulated by the Director as set forth in 3 V.S.A.  
14 § 125(b).

15 \* \* \* Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners \* \* \*

16 \* \* \* Marriage and Family Therapists \* \* \*

17 Sec. 41. 26 V.S.A. § 4041a is amended to read:

18 § 4041a. FEES

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

21 (1) Application for licensure \$125.00 \$150.00



1 (d) Prior to the entry of any subsequent pleading which sets forth a claim  
2 for relief in the Supreme Court or the Superior Court, there shall be paid to the  
3 clerk of the court for the benefit of the State a fee of \$120.00 for every ~~appeal,~~  
4 cross-claim; or third-party claim and a fee of \$90.00 for every counterclaim in  
5 the Superior Court in lieu of all other fees not otherwise set forth in this  
6 section. The fee for an appeal of a magistrate's decision or the appeal of a  
7 small claims decision in the Superior Court shall be \$120.00. The filing fee for  
8 civil suspension proceedings filed pursuant to 23 V.S.A § 1205 shall be  
9 \$90.00, which shall be taxed in the bill of costs in accordance with sections  
10 1433 and 1471 of this title. This subsection does not apply to filing fees in the  
11 Family Division, except with respect to the fee for an appeal of a magistrate's  
12 decision.

13 (e) Prior to the filing of any postjudgment motion in the Civil, Criminal, or  
14 Environmental Division of the Superior Court, including motions to reopen  
15 civil suspensions and motions for sealing or expungement in the Criminal  
16 Division pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7602, or motions to reopen existing cases in  
17 the Probate Division of the Superior Court, there shall be paid to the clerk of  
18 the court for the benefit of the State a fee of \$90.00 except for small claims  
19 actions, ~~and estates,~~ and motions to confirm the sale of property in foreclosure.  
20 A filing fee of \$90.00 shall be paid to the clerk of the court for a civil petition  
21 for minor settlements.

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\* \* \* Probate Cases \* \* \*

Sec. 45. 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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(26) Petitions for license to sell or convey real estate \$100.00

(27) Petition for license to sell or convey personal property \$100.00

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(31) ~~Requests for findings regarding motor vehicle title pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 2023(e)(2) \$50.00 [Repealed.]~~

(32) Petitions to obtain a birth order pursuant to 15C V.S.A. § 708(a) or § 804(a) \$100.00

(33) Petitions to appeal the State Registrar's denial of an application to amend a birth or death certificate pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 5073(b) \$150.00

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

Sec. 46. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, except that Secs. 19 (insurance term of license) and 20a (insurance license requirements) shall take effect on June 1, 2021.