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2 Representative Lefebvre of Newark moves that the House concur in the
3 Senate proposal of amendment with a further amendment thereto by adding a
4 new Sec. 11a to read:

5 Sec. 11a. 10 V.S.A. § 6094 is added to read:

6 § 6094. ALLOCATION OF COSTS; DEPARMENTS OF FISH AND

7 WILDLIFE AND FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Fish and
9 Wildlife and the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation shall have the
10 authority to bill the applicant for the costs of participating in any major permit
11 application before a District Commission, including the costs of employee
12 application review, submissions, comments, and testimony before a District
13 Commission related to impacts on wildlife, necessary wildlife habitat, or
14 connecting habitat. The Department may recover those costs from the
15 applicant after notice to the applicant, including an estimate of the costs of the
16 personnel or services.

17 (b) From time to time, the Department charging an applicant for personnel
18 of services under this section shall provide the applicant with detailed
19 statements showing the amount of money expended or contracted for in the
20 work of such personnel and services. All funds collected from applicants
21 under this section shall be paid directly to the Department.

1 (c) An applicant to which costs are allocated under this section may
2 petition the District Commission to review the costs allocated. The District
3 Commission shall conduct a hearing to determine the reasonableness of the
4 costs. The District Commission shall consider the size and complexity of the
5 project and may revise the cost allocations if determined unreasonable.