

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 58
3 entitled “An act relating to the State hemp program” respectfully reports that it
4 has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

5 First: in Sec. 1 by striking out 6 V.S.A. § 569 (registration fees) in its
6 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 § 569. REGISTRATION FEES

8 (a) A person applying for a registration or renewal under section 564 of this
9 title annually shall pay the following fees:

10 (1) for an application to grow less than 0.5 acres of hemp for personal
11 use: \$25.00;

12 (2) for an application or renewal of registration to grow or process hemp
13 seed for food oil production, grain crop, fiber, or textile: \$100.00;

14 (3) except as provided for in subdivision (4) of this subsection, for an
15 application or renewal of registration to grow, process, or grow and process
16 hemp commercially for floral material production, viable seed, or
17 cannabinoids, including cannabidiolic acid (CBDA), cannabidiol (CBD),
18 cannabinol (CBN), cannabigerol (CBG), cannabichromene (CBC), or
19 tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV), the following fee based on the greater of the
20 number of acres planted or the weight of hemp or viable seed processed:

<u>Acres of Hemp Grown or</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Pounds of Hemp Processed or</u>	
<u>Viable Seed Cultivated</u>	
<u>Annually for Floral Material or</u>	
<u>Cannabinoids</u>	
<u>Less than 0.5 acres or less than 500 pounds</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>0.5 to 9.9 acres or less than 10,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>10 to 50 acres or less than 50,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>Greater than 50 acres or greater than</u>	
<u>50,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

(4) for an application or renewal of registration to operate exclusively within an indoor facility in order to grow, process, or grow and process hemp commercially for floral material production, viable seed, or cannabinoids, including cannabidiolic acid (CBDA), cannabidiol (CBD), cannabinol (CBN), cannabigerol (CBG), cannabichromene (CBC), or tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV): \$2,000.00; and

(5) for an application or renewal of registration as a laboratory certified to conduct testing of hemp and hemp products as part of the Agency’s cannabis control program: \$1,500.00.

(b) A person registered to grow, process, or grow and process hemp for floral material production, viable seed, or cannabinoids shall not grow more

1 acres of hemp per year than the amount identified in a registration without first
2 notifying the Secretary and paying an additional registration fee if necessary
3 under subsection (a) of this section.

4 Second: By striking out Sec. 2 (effective date) in its entirety and inserting
5 in lieu thereof new Secs. 2 and 3 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 2. TRANSITION; COLLECTION OF REGISTRATION FEE

7 Beginning on January 1, 2020, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and
8 Markets shall initiate collection under 6 V.S.A. § 569 of the registration fees to
9 grow hemp, process hemp, grow and process hemp, or operate a certified
10 laboratory to test hemp in the State. Prior to January 1, 2020, the Secretary of
11 Agriculture, Food and Markets shall collect a registration fee of \$25.00 for any
12 registration under 6 V.S.A. chapter 34 (State Hemp Program).

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE