

**Amendment to S.205 – Surcharges
Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services
February 14, 2020**

**Sec. 1. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL SURCHARGES; REPEAL; GENERAL
13 FUNDS**

(a) On or before December 1, 2020, the Court Administrator, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services, a representative from the Special Investigations Unit, and a representative from Vermont Legal Aid, shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a ~~schedule to repeal the surcharges set forth in 13 V.S.A so that all surcharges are repealed on or before June 30, 2026.~~ and Judiciary a report that takes into consideration the findings of the Joint Fiscal Office report due September 1, 2020 regarding the financial impact of a possible elimination of the surcharges set forth in 13 V.S.A § 7282 on funding for victims services. The report shall also include the amount of funding from the General Fund that would be needed to replace the loss of revenue from the surcharges.

~~(b) Beginning on July 1, 2021, for fiscal years 2022 through 2026, the Court Administrator shall include in its annual budget request a recommended amount of funding from the General Fund to replace the loss of revenue from the surecharges described in subsection (a) of this section that are set to repeal in that fiscal year~~

Sec. 2:

Sec. 7282(b) The surcharges imposed by this section shall not be waived by the court except as part of an expungement proceeding where the petitioner demonstrates an inability to pay.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.