

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.
3 477 entitled “An act relating to marriage license fees” respectfully reports that
4 it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by adding
5 a new Sec. 1a to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1a. 32 V.S.A. § 1431(b)(2) is amended to read:

7 (2) Prior to the entry of any divorce or annulment proceeding in the
8 Superior Court, there shall be paid to the clerk of the court for the benefit of
9 the State a fee of ~~\$295.00~~ \$360.00 in lieu of all other fees not otherwise set
10 forth in this section. If the divorce or annulment complaint is filed with a
11 stipulation for a final order, the fee shall be ~~\$90.00~~ \$110.00 if one or both of
12 the parties are residents and ~~\$180.00~~ \$220.00 if neither party is a resident,
13 except that if the stipulation is not acceptable to the court or if a matter
14 previously agreed to becomes contested, the difference between the full fee
15 and the reduced fee shall be paid to the court prior to the issuance of a final
16 order.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE