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| 1 | TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: |
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| 2 | The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No. |
| 3 | 877 entitled "An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects" |
| 4 | respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the |
| 5 | bill be amended as follows: |
| 6 | First: In Sec. 4, 6 V.S.A. § 1112, by striking out subsection (d) in its |
| 7 | entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following: |
| 8 | (d) The Secretary may charge a fee of up to \$75.00 to applicants who prefer |
| 9 | to utilize an electronic or alternate testing service for their pesticide |
| 10 | certification or licensing examinations. The Secretary may contract with a |
| 11 | vendor to administer examinations. The Secretary shall continue to administer |
| 12 | in-person examinations that do not include any additional fee for an electronic |
| 13 | or alternate testing service. |
| 14 | Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 4a to read as follows: |
| 15 | Sec. 4a. REPORT ON FEE FOR ELECTRONIC PESTICIDE |
| 16 | CERTIFICATION |
| 17 | On or before December 15, 2024, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and |
| 18 | Markets shall submit to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the |
| 19 | Senate Committee on Finance a proposed fee for the electronic administration |
| 20 | of pesticide certification examinations based on the costs of the contract that |
| 21 | the Secretary enters with a vendor for the administration of the examinations. |

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