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An act relating to eliminating Department of Corrections supervisory fees

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 102 is amended to read:

§ 102. COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS; APPOINTMENT;

POWERS; RESPONSIBILITIES

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(b) The Commissioner is charged with the following powers:

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(12) To enter into contracts with private collection agencies for the collection of ~~supervisory fees imposed by this title and~~ fines, penalties, and restitution imposed under Title 13. The Commissioner may agree to pay collection agencies a fixed rate for services rendered or a percentage of the amount collected that shall be added to any amounts and may be recovered as an administrative cost of collection. Any such fixed rate or percentage may be deducted directly by the collection agency on a pro rata basis from any portion of the money so collected.

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(c) The Commissioner is charged with the following responsibilities:

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1        (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, failure to pay a supervisory  
2        fee shall not constitute a violation of probation, parole, furlough, or any other  
3        sentence.

4        Sec. 3. RULES; REVIEW; DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

5        (a) The Department of Corrections shall identify each rule adopted by the  
6        Department under the statutory authority of 28 V.S.A. § 102(c)(14). For each,  
7        the Commissioner of Corrections shall notify the Secretary of State of its  
8        repeal by operation of law pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 848(a).

9        (b) The Department of Corrections shall review its rules, policies, and  
10       procedures to identify and remove any references to “supervisory fees” or  
11       “supervision fees” imposed pursuant to 28 V.S.A. § 102(c)(14).

12       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

13       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.