

## **H.184 2015 EXECUTIVE FEE BILL SUMMARY**

**As passed by the House**

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### ***Secretary of State***

#### **Sec. 1-5 Professional Regulation Fees**

Lowers the biennial professional renewal fees for osteopathic physicians, veterinarians, land surveyors, real estate appraisers and real estate appraisal management companies. Establishes a new education course review fee for real estate brokers. These fee changes will result in a decrease of \$90,425 in special fund revenue.

### ***Agency of Education***

#### **Sec. 6 Professional Educator fees**

Increases the fees for professional educator application processing from \$40 to \$50 per application and increases fees for professional educator I and II licenses, and provisional or apprenticeship licenses from \$40 to \$50 per year of licensing period, all paid up front. These fee increases will generate approximately \$218,460 in special fund revenue.

#### **Sec. 7 Speech Language Pathologist Fees**

Increases the fees for speech language pathologist educator endorsement applications and licenses from \$35 to \$50 per year of licensing period, all paid up front. These fee increases will generate approximately \$21,555 in special fund revenue.

### ***Department of Health***

#### **Sec. 8 X-ray Equipment Fees**

Increases the x-ray equipment registration fee from \$45 to \$85 per year, per piece of equipment. This fee increase will generate approximately \$65,640 in special fund revenue.

#### **Sec. 9 Food and Lodging Program**

Increases the annual licensing fees for restaurants (levels I-IX, categorized by seating capacity), lodging (levels I-IV, categorized by sleeping capacity), food processors, seafood vending facilities, and shellfish reshippers and repackers. These fee increases will generate approximately \$370,140 in special fund revenue.

#### **Sec. 10 Food and Lodging Program- Bakeries**

Increases the annual licensing fees for bakeries (levels I-IV, categorized by type of equipment). These fee increases will generate approximately \$65,415 in special fund revenue.

#### **Sec. 11 Food and Lodging Program- Report**

Requires the Commissioner of Health to submit a report to the Legislature for achieving efficiencies in the Food and Lodging Program through such measures as performing risk-based inspections and/or by issuing combination licenses. The report will be due on January 15, 2016.

### **Sec. 12-16 Professional Regulation Fees**

Increases application and licensing fees for physicians, podiatrists, anesthesiologist assistants, physician assistants, and radiologist assistants. These fee increases will generate approximately \$33,580 in special fund revenue.

### ***Agency of Natural Resources/ Natural Resources Board***

#### **Sec. 17 §248 Certificates of Public Good**

Establishes a new fee for the review of applications for certificates of public good under §248 of 30 V.S.A. The fee will be levied at the rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of construction costs, not to exceed a total fee of \$150,000. This fee will generate approximately \$220,000 in special fund revenue for the Agency of Natural Resources.

#### **Sec. 18 Act 250 Review**

Increases the fees for Act 250 reviews by the Natural Resources Board. Establishes a new fee of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of the first \$15 million of construction costs for the Agency of Natural Resources' share of Act 250 review actions. These fee increases will generate approximately \$444,356 in special fund revenue for the Natural Resources Board and the new fee will generate approximately \$232,667 in special fund revenue for the Agency of Natural Resources.

#### **Sec. 19 Allocation of Funds Collected**

Changes the deposit location for monies collected by the Agency of Natural Resources through its enforcement authority under 10 V.S.A. § 8003(a) from the State Treasury to the Environmental Permit Fund.

### ***Department of Environmental Conservation***

#### **Sec. 20 Fees**

Increases and establishes fees for various programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Conservation. These fees are levied on the following: for registering air contaminant sources, indirect discharge and underground injection control permits, potable water supply and wastewater permits, solid waste hauler vehicle registrations, and hazardous air contaminant fuel combustion surcharges. These new fees and fee increases will generate approximately \$752,380 in special fund revenue.

#### **Sec. 21 Fees**

Increases the fees for toxic waste management planning. These fee increases will generate approximately \$8,400 in special fund revenue.

#### **Sec. 21a Solid Waste Haulers**

Contains language to clarify the types of commercial haulers that would be required to pay annual licensing fees. No fiscal impact.

### ***Department of Fish & Wildlife***

#### **Sec. 23 Fees**

Increases the fees for the following: annual resident fishing, hunting and trapping licenses; resident combination fishing/hunting licenses; resident 3-day fishing licenses; non-resident annual fishing licenses; non-resident 1, 3 and 7-day fishing licenses; and non-resident

trapping licenses. The fee increases will generate approximately \$119,348 in special fund revenue.

***Department of Labor***

**Sec 24 Workers' Compensation**

Maintains the existing workers' compensation rates of contribution at 1.45%, and at 1.00% for those who are self-insured.

***Agency of Agriculture***

**Sec. 25-26 Apiaries**

Technical language changes to clarify how funds are collected and allocated for administration of the apiary program.

***Agency of Commerce and Community Development***

**Sec. 27 Vermont Center for Geographic Information**

Establishes a special fund within the Agency for the operation of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information. The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development will oversee collections and expenditures related to the fund and is authorized to impose charges reasonably related to the costs of providing products and services from VGCI. This program will generate approximately \$106,100 in special fund revenue.

***Attorney General***

**Sec. 28 Charitable Solicitations**

Adds clarification to existing fee language requiring a fee of \$200 to be paid annually for solicitations on behalf of charitable organizations. Because this policy is already in practice no additional revenue is estimated to be generated.

***Department of Motor Vehicles/Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association (VASA)***

**Sec. 29 ATV Registration Fees**

Increases the annual registration fee for all-terrain vehicles from \$25 to \$35. This fee increase would generate approximately \$140,000 in new revenue, of which, \$112,000 would go to VASA (85% less \$7,000 to ANR for administration), \$21,000 (15%) would go to the Transportation fund and the remaining \$7,000 would go to an ANR special fund.

<b>New Revenue</b>		
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>House Passed</b>
Special	2,833,386	2,574,616
Transportation	21,000	21,000
State Total	2,854,386	2,595,616
Private- VASA	112,000	112,000
Grand Total	2,966,386	2,707,616