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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FILING FEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 Each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer
4 Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed
5 by the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club
6 or place of business described in such permit is situated; provided the
7 place of filing of railroad and boat permits shall be the office of the
8 town clerk of the town of New Haven, and airline permits, the office of
9 the town clerk of the town of Hartford. The fee for such filing shall be
10 [two] twenty dollars.

11 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 7-34a of the
12 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
13 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

14 (a) (1) Town clerks shall receive, for recording any document, ten

15 dollars for the first page and five dollars for each subsequent page or
16 fractional part thereof, a page being not more than eight and one-half
17 by fourteen inches. Town clerks shall receive, for recording the
18 information contained in a certificate of registration for the practice of
19 any of the healing arts, five dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for
20 recording documents conforming to, or substantially similar to, section
21 47-36c, which are clearly entitled "statutory form" in the heading of
22 such documents, as follows: For the first page of a warranty deed, a
23 quitclaim deed, a mortgage deed, or an assignment of mortgage, ten
24 dollars; for each additional page of such documents, five dollars; and
25 for each assignment of mortgage, subsequent to the first two
26 assignments, two dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for recording any
27 document with respect to which certain data must be submitted by
28 each town clerk to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
29 Management in accordance with section 10-261b, two dollars in
30 addition to the regular recording fee. Any person who offers any
31 written document for recording in the office of any town clerk, which
32 document fails to have legibly typed, printed or stamped directly
33 beneath the signatures the names of the persons who executed such
34 document, the names of any witnesses thereto and the name of the
35 officer before whom the same was acknowledged, shall pay one dollar
36 in addition to the regular recording fee. Town clerks shall receive, for
37 recording any deed, except a mortgage deed, conveying title to real
38 estate, which deed does not contain the current mailing address of the
39 grantee, five dollars in addition to the regular recording fee. Town
40 clerks shall receive, for filing any document, [~~five~~] ten dollars; for
41 receiving and keeping a survey or map, legally filed in the town clerk's
42 office, [~~five~~] ten dollars; and for indexing such survey or map, in
43 accordance with section 7-32, [~~five~~] ten dollars, except with respect to
44 indexing any such survey or map pertaining to a subdivision of land as
45 defined in section 8-18, in which event town clerks shall receive
46 [~~fifteen~~] twenty dollars for each such indexing. Town clerks shall
47 receive, for a copy, in any format, of any document either recorded or
48 filed in their offices, one dollar for each page or fractional part thereof,
49 as the case may be; for certifying any copy of the same, two dollars; for

50 making a copy of any survey or map, the actual cost thereof; and for
51 certifying such copy of a survey or map, two dollars. Town clerks shall
52 receive, for recording the commission and oath of a notary public, [ten]
53 twenty dollars; and for certifying under seal to the official character of
54 a notary, [two] five dollars.

55 Sec. 3. Section 7-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

57 (a) To any person performing the duties required by the provisions
58 of the general statutes relating to registration of marriages, deaths and
59 fetal deaths, the following fees shall be allowed: (1) For the license to
60 marry, [ten] thirty dollars; and (2) for issuing each burial or removal,
61 transit and burial permit, [three] five dollars.

62 (b) A twenty-dollar surcharge shall be paid to the registrar for each
63 license to marry in addition to the fee for such license established
64 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The registrar shall retain one
65 dollar from each such surcharge for administrative costs and shall
66 forward the remainder, on or before the tenth day of the month
67 following each calendar quarter, to the Department of Public Health.
68 The receipts shall be deposited into an account of the State Treasurer
69 and credited to the General Fund for further credit to a separate
70 nonlapsing account established by the Comptroller for use by the
71 Department of Social Services for shelter services for victims of
72 household abuse in accordance with section 17b-850 and by the
73 Department of Public Health for rape crisis services funded under
74 section 19a-2a. Such funds shall be allocated for these purposes by the
75 Office of Policy and Management in consultation with the
76 Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health based on an
77 evaluation of need, service delivery costs and availability of other
78 funds. The Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health shall
79 distribute such funds to the recipient organizations in accordance with
80 such allocations not later than October fifteenth, annually. No such
81 funds shall (1) be retained by the Office of Policy and Management, the
82 Commissioner of Social Services or the Commissioner of Public Health

83 for administrative purposes; or (2) supplant any state or federal funds
84 otherwise available for such services.

85 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 19a-323 of the general statutes is
86 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
87 *1, 2016*):

88 (b) If death occurred in this state, the death certificate required by
89 law shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics for the town in
90 which such person died, if known, or, if not known, for the town in
91 which the body was found. The Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief
92 Medical Examiner, associate medical examiner, an authorized assistant
93 medical examiner or other authorized designee shall complete the
94 cremation certificate, stating that such medical examiner or other
95 authorized designee has made inquiry into the cause and manner of
96 death and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial
97 inquiry is necessary. The cremation certificate shall be submitted to the
98 registrar of vital statistics of the town in which such person died, if
99 known, or, if not known, of the town in which the body was found, or
100 with the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the funeral
101 director having charge of the body is located. Upon receipt of the
102 cremation certificate, the registrar shall authorize such certificate, keep
103 such certificate on permanent record, and issue a cremation permit,
104 except that if the cremation certificate is submitted to the registrar of
105 the town where the funeral director is located, such certificate shall be
106 forwarded to the registrar of the town where the person died to be
107 kept on permanent record. If a cremation permit must be obtained
108 during the hours that the office of the local registrar of the town where
109 death occurred is closed, a subregistrar appointed to serve such town
110 may authorize such cremation permit upon receipt and review of a
111 properly completed cremation permit and cremation certificate. A
112 subregistrar who is licensed as a funeral director or embalmer
113 pursuant to chapter 385, or the employee or agent of such funeral
114 director or embalmer shall not issue a cremation permit to himself or
115 herself. A subregistrar shall forward the cremation certificate to the

116 local registrar of the town where death occurred, not later than seven
117 days after receiving such certificate. The estate of the deceased person,
118 if any, shall pay the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for the issuance
119 of the cremation certificate, provided the Office of the Chief Medical
120 Examiner shall not assess any fees for costs that are associated with the
121 cremation of a stillborn fetus. Upon request of the Chief Medical
122 Examiner, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may
123 waive payment of such cremation certificate fee. No cremation
124 certificate shall be required for a permit to cremate the remains of
125 bodies pursuant to section 19a-270a. When the cremation certificate is
126 submitted to a town other than that where the person died, the
127 registrar of vital statistics for such other town shall ascertain from the
128 original removal, transit and burial permit that the certificates required
129 by the state statutes have been received and recorded, that the body
130 has been prepared in accordance with the Public Health Code and that
131 the entry regarding the place of disposal is correct. Whenever the
132 registrar finds that the place of disposal is incorrect, the registrar shall
133 issue a corrected removal, transit and burial permit and, after
134 inscribing and recording the original permit in the manner prescribed
135 for sextons' reports under section 7-66, shall then immediately give
136 written notice to the registrar for the town where the death occurred of
137 the change in place of disposal stating the name and place of the
138 crematory and the date of cremation. Such written notice shall be
139 sufficient authorization to correct these items on the original certificate
140 of death. The fee for a cremation permit shall be [three] five dollars
141 and for the written notice one dollar. The Department of Public Health
142 shall provide forms for cremation permits, which shall not be the same
143 as for regular burial permits and shall include space to record
144 information about the intended manner of disposition of the cremated
145 remains, and such blanks and books as may be required by the
146 registrars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	30-53
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	7-34a(a)(1)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	7-73
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	19a-323(b)

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