



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5179

House of Representatives, March 21, 2016

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. MILLER, P. of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSIONS TO CHARGE REASONABLE FEES FOR THE PROCESSING OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Any municipality may, by
2 ordinance, establish a schedule of reasonable fees for the processing of
3 certificate of appropriateness applications by a historic properties
4 commission established pursuant to chapter 97a of the general statutes.

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

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2016</i> | New section |
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PD Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

| Municipalities | Effect | FY 17 \$ | FY 18 \$ |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Various Municipalities | Potential Revenue Gain | Minimal | Minimal |

Explanation

The bill allows municipalities to establish a schedule of fees for certificate of appropriateness applications submitted to local historic property commissions.

Any revenue gain is expected to be minimal, but would vary based on the fees set by a municipality and the number of applications processed each year.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the fees set by municipalities, and the number of certificate of appropriateness applications processed.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5179*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSIONS TO CHARGE REASONABLE FEES FOR THE PROCESSING OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes municipalities to set, by ordinance, a schedule of reasonable fees for processing certificate of appropriateness applications by a historic properties commission established under state law. Existing law allows them to do so for land use applications by zoning commissions, planning commissions, combined planning and zoning commissions, zoning boards of appeal, and inland wetlands commissions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

BACKGROUND***Historic Properties Commissions (CGS §§ 7-147p to 7-147y)***

The law authorizes municipalities to establish historic properties commissions by ordinance and subject to standards and criteria set by the Department of Economic and Community Development. These commissions have design review authority over most exterior alterations to designated historic properties. Property owners must apply to the commission for a certificate of appropriateness before altering exterior architectural features or erecting or demolishing a building or structure within a historic property's boundaries.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/04/2016)