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AN ACT CONCERNING THE MACHINERY RENTAL SURCHARGE RATE, CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FILING FEES AND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PAINT MIXING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-692 of the 2018 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2018, and applicable to machinery rented on or after July 1,*
4 *2018*):

5 (a) For purposes of this section:

6 (1) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a passenger vehicle, which is
7 rented without a driver and which is part of a motor vehicle fleet of
8 five or more passenger motor vehicles that are used for rental purposes
9 by a rental company.

10 (2) "Rental truck" means a (A) vehicle rented without a driver that
11 has a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand pounds or
12 less and is used in the transportation of personal property but not for

13 business purposes, or (B) trailer that has a gross vehicle weight rating
14 of not more than six thousand pounds.

15 (3) "Rental company" means any business entity that is engaged in
16 the business of renting passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks without
17 a driver or machinery in this state to lessees and that uses for rental
18 purposes a motor vehicle fleet of five or more passenger motor
19 vehicles, rental trucks or pieces of machinery in this state, but does not
20 mean any person, firm or corporation that is licensed, or required to be
21 licensed, pursuant to section 14-52, (A) as a new car dealer, repairer or
22 limited repairer, or (B) as a used car dealer that is not primarily
23 engaged in the business of renting passenger motor vehicles or rental
24 trucks without a driver in this state to lessees. "Rental company" does
25 not include a business entity with total annual rental income,
26 excluding retail or wholesale sales of rental equipment, that is less than
27 fifty-one per cent of the total revenue of the business entity in a given
28 taxable year.

29 (4) "Lessee" means any person who leases a passenger motor
30 vehicle, rental truck or machinery from a rental company for such
31 person's own use and not for rental to others.

32 (5) "Machinery" means all equipment owned by a rental company.

33 (b) (1) A rental company may charge a lessee individually itemized
34 charges or other fees pursuant to a rental agreement, including, but not
35 limited to, a vehicle cost recovery fee, airport access fee or airport
36 concession fee on each passenger motor vehicle or rental truck rented
37 within the state by a rental company to a lessee for a period of less
38 than thirty-one days. If the rental company charges a lessee a vehicle
39 cost recovery fee for a passenger motor vehicle or rental truck, such fee
40 shall (A) represent the rental company's estimate of the annual costs
41 for any required licensing, titling, registration, tax or inspection of, or
42 number plates for, such vehicle or truck, prorated to a daily rate, and
43 (B) be described in the terms and conditions of the rental agreement as
44 the estimated average per day cost incurred by the rental company to

45 license, title, register, obtain number plates and inspect its passenger
46 motor vehicle or rental truck and to pay any taxes owed on such
47 vehicle or truck.

48 (2) If the total amount of the vehicle cost recovery fees collected by a
49 rental company under this subsection in any calendar year exceeds
50 such company's actual costs to license, title, register, obtain number
51 plates and inspect its passenger motor vehicles or rental trucks and
52 pay any taxes owed on such vehicles or trucks, the rental company
53 shall retain the excess amount and reduce its estimated costs to license,
54 title, register, obtain number plates and inspect each passenger motor
55 vehicle or rental truck and to pay any taxes owed on such vehicle or
56 truck the following calendar year, by an amount equivalent to the
57 excess amount. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
58 prohibit a rental company from adjusting the amount of vehicle
59 recovery fees charged during any calendar year.

60 (c) Any charge or fee imposed under subsection (b) of this section
61 shall be imposed on the total amount the rental company charges the
62 lessee for the rental of a motor vehicle. Any such charge or fee shall be
63 in addition to any tax otherwise applicable to any such transaction and
64 shall be includable in the measure of the sales and use taxes imposed
65 under chapter 219.

66 (d) There is hereby imposed a [one and one-half] two and three-
67 quarters per cent surcharge on machinery rented within the state by a
68 rental company to a lessee for a period of less than three hundred
69 sixty-five days or under an open-ended contract for an undefined
70 period of time. The rental surcharge shall be imposed on the total
71 amount the rental company charges the lessee for the rental of the
72 machinery. Such surcharge shall be in addition to any tax otherwise
73 applicable to any such transaction, and shall be includable in the
74 measure of the sales and use taxes imposed under chapter 219.

75 (e) Reimbursement for any charge, fee or rental surcharge imposed
76 pursuant to subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section shall be

77 collected by the rental company from the lessee and such
78 reimbursement shall be paid by the lessee to the rental company. Each
79 rental company shall collect from the lessee the full amount of the
80 charge, fee or rental surcharge imposed by said subsections (b) to (d),
81 inclusive. Such charge, fee or rental surcharge shall be a debt from the
82 lessee to the rental company, when so added to the original lease or
83 rental price, and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as
84 other debts. The rental contract shall separately indicate the charge or
85 fee imposed on each passenger motor vehicle or rental truck or the
86 rental surcharge imposed on each piece of machinery. The rental
87 surcharge imposed under subsection (d) of this section shall, subject to
88 the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, be retained by the rental
89 company.

90 (f) (1) (A) On or before February 15, 1997, and the fifteenth of
91 February annually thereafter prior to February 15, 2019, each rental
92 company shall file a consolidated report with the Commissioner of
93 Revenue Services detailing the aggregate amount of personal property
94 tax that is actually paid by such company to a Connecticut
95 municipality or municipalities during the preceding calendar year on
96 passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks or pieces of machinery that are
97 used for rental purposes by such company, the aggregate amount of
98 registration and titling fees that are actually paid by such company to
99 the Department of Motor Vehicles of this state during the preceding
100 calendar year on passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks or pieces of
101 machinery that are used for rental purposes by such company and the
102 aggregate amount of the rental surcharge that is actually received,
103 pursuant to this section, by such company during the preceding
104 calendar year on passenger motor vehicles, rental trucks or pieces of
105 machinery that are used for rental purposes by such company. The
106 report shall also show such other information as the commissioner
107 deems necessary for the proper administration of this section.

108 (B) On or before February 15, 1997, and the fifteenth of February
109 annually thereafter prior to February 15, 2019, each rental company
110 shall remit to the Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the

111 General Fund, the amount by which the aggregate amount of the
112 rental surcharge actually received by such company on such vehicles
113 or machinery during the preceding calendar year exceeds the sum of
114 the aggregate amount of property taxes actually paid by such company
115 on such vehicles or machinery to a Connecticut municipality or
116 municipalities during the preceding calendar year and the aggregate
117 amount of registration and titling fees actually paid by such company
118 on such vehicles or machinery to the Department of Motor Vehicles of
119 this state during the preceding calendar year.

120 (C) For purposes of this subdivision, in the case of any rental
121 company that leases a passenger motor vehicle, rental truck or piece of
122 machinery from another person and that uses such vehicle or
123 machinery for rental purposes and such lease requires such rental
124 company to pay the registration and titling fees and the property taxes
125 to such other person, the rental company shall include (i) in the
126 aggregate amount of registration and titling fees actually paid by such
127 rental company to the Department of Motor Vehicles of this state, any
128 such registration and titling fees actually paid by such rental company
129 to such other person on such passenger motor vehicle, rental truck or
130 piece of machinery, and (ii) in the aggregate amount of property taxes
131 actually paid by such rental company to a Connecticut municipality or
132 municipalities, any such property taxes actually paid by such rental
133 company to such other person on such passenger motor vehicle or
134 vehicles, rental truck or trucks or one or more pieces of machinery.

135 (2) (A) On or before February 15, 2019, and the fifteenth of February
136 annually thereafter, each rental company shall file a consolidated
137 report with the Commissioner of Revenue Services detailing the
138 aggregate amount of personal property tax that is actually paid by
139 such company to a Connecticut municipality or municipalities during
140 the preceding calendar year on pieces of machinery that are used for
141 rental purposes by such company, the aggregate amount of
142 registration and titling fees that are actually paid by such company to
143 the Department of Motor Vehicles of this state during the preceding
144 calendar year on pieces of machinery that are used for rental purposes

145 by such company and the aggregate amount of the rental surcharge
146 that is actually received, pursuant to this section, by such company
147 during the preceding calendar year on pieces of machinery that are
148 used for rental purposes by such company. The report shall also show
149 such other information as the commissioner deems necessary for the
150 proper administration of this section.

151 (B) On or before February 15, 2019, and the fifteenth of February
152 annually thereafter, each rental company shall remit to the
153 Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit in the General Fund,
154 the amount by which the aggregate amount of the rental surcharge
155 actually received by such company on such machinery during the
156 preceding calendar year exceeds the sum of the aggregate amount of
157 property taxes actually paid by such company on such machinery to a
158 Connecticut municipality or municipalities during the preceding
159 calendar year and the aggregate amount of registration and titling fees
160 actually paid by such company on such machinery to the Department
161 of Motor Vehicles of this state during the preceding calendar year.

162 (C) For purposes of this subdivision, in the case of any rental
163 company that leases a piece of machinery from another person and
164 that uses such machinery for rental purposes and such lease requires
165 such rental company to pay the registration and titling fees and the
166 property taxes to such other person, the rental company shall include
167 (i) in the aggregate amount of registration and titling fees actually paid
168 by such rental company to the Department of Motor Vehicles of this
169 state, any such registration and titling fees actually paid by such rental
170 company to such other person on such piece of machinery, and (ii) in
171 the aggregate amount of property taxes actually paid by such rental
172 company to a Connecticut municipality or municipalities, any such
173 property taxes actually paid by such rental company to such other
174 person on one or more pieces of machinery.

175 (g) Any person who fails to pay any amount required to be paid to
176 the Commissioner of Revenue Services under this section within the
177 time required shall pay a penalty of fifteen per cent of such amount or

178 fifty dollars, whichever amount is greater, in addition to such amount,
179 plus interest at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof
180 from the due date of such amount until the date of payment. Subject to
181 the provisions of section 12-3a, the commissioner may waive all or any
182 part of the penalties provided under this section when it is proven to
183 the satisfaction of the commissioner that the failure to pay any amount
184 required to be paid to the commissioner was due to reasonable cause
185 and was not intentional or due to neglect.

186 (h) The Commissioner of Revenue Services for good cause may
187 extend the time for making any report and paying any amount
188 required to be paid to the commissioner under this section if a written
189 request therefor is filed with the commissioner together with a
190 tentative report which shall be accompanied by a payment of any
191 amount tentatively believed to be due to the commissioner, on or
192 before the last day for filing the report. Any person to whom an
193 extension is granted shall pay, in addition to the amount required to be
194 paid, interest at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof
195 from the date on which such amount would have been due without
196 the extension until the date of payment.

197 (i) The provisions of sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and section
198 12-555a shall apply to the provisions of this section in the same manner
199 and with the same force and effect as if the language of said sections
200 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and section 12-555a had been incorporated
201 in full into this section, except to the extent that any provision is
202 inconsistent with a provision in this section, and except that the term
203 "tax" shall be read as "charge, fee or rental surcharge".

204 Sec. 2. Subdivision (78) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to
205 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
206 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

207 (78) Machinery and equipment (A) used in the process of coloring or
208 mixing paint, including, but not limited to, spectrographic color
209 matching machines, automatic colorant dispensers, paint shakers, and

210 computer equipment related to such machinery and equipment, and
211 (B) used by retailers that offer paint for sale at retail in this state. Any
212 person claiming the exemption provided under this subdivision shall,
213 not later than November first, file a request with the assessor on a form
214 prescribed by such assessor.

215 Sec. 3. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
216 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

217 Each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer
218 Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed
219 by the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club
220 or place of business described in such permit is situated; provided the
221 place of filing of railroad and boat permits shall be the office of the
222 town clerk of the town of New Haven, and airline permits, the office of
223 the town clerk of the town of Hartford. The fee for such filing shall be
224 [two] twenty dollars.

225 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 7-34a of the 2018
226 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
227 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

228 (a) (1) Town clerks shall receive, for recording any document, ten
229 dollars for the first page and five dollars for each subsequent page or
230 fractional part thereof, a page being not more than eight and one-half
231 by fourteen inches. Town clerks shall receive, for recording the
232 information contained in a certificate of registration for the practice of
233 any of the healing arts, five dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for
234 recording documents conforming to, or substantially similar to, section
235 47-36c, which are clearly entitled "statutory form" in the heading of
236 such documents, as follows: For the first page of a warranty deed, a
237 quitclaim deed, a mortgage deed, or an assignment of mortgage, ten
238 dollars; for each additional page of such documents, five dollars; and
239 for each assignment of mortgage, subsequent to the first two
240 assignments, two dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for recording any
241 document with respect to which certain data must be submitted by

242 each town clerk to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
243 Management in accordance with section 10-261b, two dollars in
244 addition to the regular recording fee. Any person who offers any
245 written document for recording in the office of any town clerk, which
246 document fails to have legibly typed, printed or stamped directly
247 beneath the signatures the names of the persons who executed such
248 document, the names of any witnesses thereto and the name of the
249 officer before whom the same was acknowledged, shall pay one dollar
250 in addition to the regular recording fee. Town clerks shall receive, for
251 recording any deed, except a mortgage deed, conveying title to real
252 estate, which deed does not contain the current mailing address of the
253 grantee, five dollars in addition to the regular recording fee. Town
254 clerks shall receive, for filing any document, [~~five~~] ten dollars; for
255 receiving and keeping a survey or map, legally filed in the town clerk's
256 office, [~~five~~] ten dollars; and for indexing such survey or map, in
257 accordance with section 7-32, [~~five~~] ten dollars, except with respect to
258 indexing any such survey or map pertaining to a subdivision of land as
259 defined in section 8-18, in which event town clerks shall receive
260 [~~fifteen~~] twenty dollars for each such indexing. Town clerks shall
261 receive, for a copy, in any format, of any document either recorded or
262 filed in their offices, one dollar for each page or fractional part thereof,
263 as the case may be; for certifying any copy of the same, two dollars; for
264 making a copy of any survey or map, the actual cost thereof; and for
265 certifying such copy of a survey or map, two dollars. Town clerks shall
266 receive, for recording the commission and oath of a notary public, [~~ten~~]
267 twenty dollars; and for certifying under seal to the official character of
268 a notary, [~~two~~] five dollars.

269 Sec. 5. Section 7-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
270 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

271 (a) To any person performing the duties required by the provisions
272 of the general statutes relating to registration of marriages, deaths and
273 fetal deaths, the following fees shall be allowed: (1) For the license to
274 marry, [~~ten~~] fifteen dollars; and (2) for issuing each burial or removal,
275 transit and burial permit, [~~three~~] five dollars.

276 (b) A [twenty-dollar] thirty-five-dollar surcharge shall be paid to the
277 registrar for each license to marry in addition to the fee for such license
278 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The registrar
279 shall retain one dollar from each such surcharge for administrative
280 costs and shall forward the remainder, on or before the tenth day of
281 the month following each calendar quarter, to the Department of
282 Public Health. The receipts shall be deposited into an account of the
283 State Treasurer and credited to the General Fund for further credit to a
284 separate nonlapsing account established by the Comptroller for use by
285 the Department of Social Services for shelter services for victims of
286 household abuse in accordance with section 17b-850 and by the
287 Department of Public Health for rape crisis services funded under
288 section 19a-2a. Such funds shall be allocated for these purposes by the
289 Office of Policy and Management in consultation with the
290 Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health based on an
291 evaluation of need, service delivery costs and availability of other
292 funds. The Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health shall
293 distribute such funds to the recipient organizations in accordance with
294 such allocations not later than October fifteenth, annually. No such
295 funds shall (1) be retained by the Office of Policy and Management, the
296 Commissioner of Social Services or the Commissioner of Public Health
297 for administrative purposes; or (2) supplant any state or federal funds
298 otherwise available for such services.

299 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 19a-323 of the general statutes is
300 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
301 *1, 2018*):

302 (b) If death occurred in this state, the death certificate required by
303 law shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics for the town in
304 which such person died, if known, or, if not known, for the town in
305 which the body was found. The Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief
306 Medical Examiner, associate medical examiner, an authorized assistant
307 medical examiner or other authorized designee shall complete the
308 cremation certificate, stating that such medical examiner or other
309 authorized designee has made inquiry into the cause and manner of

310 death and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial
311 inquiry is necessary. The cremation certificate shall be submitted to the
312 registrar of vital statistics of the town in which such person died, if
313 known, or, if not known, of the town in which the body was found, or
314 with the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the funeral
315 director having charge of the body is located. Upon receipt of the
316 cremation certificate, the registrar shall authorize such certificate, keep
317 such certificate on permanent record, and issue a cremation permit,
318 except that if the cremation certificate is submitted to the registrar of
319 the town where the funeral director is located, such certificate shall be
320 forwarded to the registrar of the town where the person died to be
321 kept on permanent record. If a cremation permit must be obtained
322 during the hours that the office of the local registrar of the town where
323 death occurred is closed, a subregistrar appointed to serve such town
324 may authorize such cremation permit upon receipt and review of a
325 properly completed cremation permit and cremation certificate. A
326 subregistrar who is licensed as a funeral director or embalmer
327 pursuant to chapter 385, or the employee or agent of such funeral
328 director or embalmer shall not issue a cremation permit to himself or
329 herself. A subregistrar shall forward the cremation certificate to the
330 local registrar of the town where death occurred, not later than seven
331 days after receiving such certificate. The estate of the deceased person,
332 if any, shall pay the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for the issuance
333 of the cremation certificate, provided the Office of the Chief Medical
334 Examiner shall not assess any fees for costs that are associated with the
335 cremation of a stillborn fetus. Upon request of the Chief Medical
336 Examiner, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may
337 waive payment of such cremation certificate fee. No cremation
338 certificate shall be required for a permit to cremate the remains of
339 bodies pursuant to section 19a-270a. When the cremation certificate is
340 submitted to a town other than that where the person died, the
341 registrar of vital statistics for such other town shall ascertain from the
342 original removal, transit and burial permit that the certificates required
343 by the state statutes have been received and recorded, that the body
344 has been prepared in accordance with the Public Health Code and that

345 the entry regarding the place of disposal is correct. Whenever the
 346 registrar finds that the place of disposal is incorrect, the registrar shall
 347 issue a corrected removal, transit and burial permit and, after
 348 inscribing and recording the original permit in the manner prescribed
 349 for sextons' reports under section 7-66, shall then immediately give
 350 written notice to the registrar for the town where the death occurred of
 351 the change in place of disposal stating the name and place of the
 352 crematory and the date of cremation. Such written notice shall be
 353 sufficient authorization to correct these items on the original certificate
 354 of death. The fee for a cremation permit shall be [three] five dollars
 355 and for the written notice one dollar. The Department of Public Health
 356 shall provide forms for cremation permits, which shall not be the same
 357 as for regular burial permits and shall include space to record
 358 information about the intended manner of disposition of the cremated
 359 remains, and such blanks and books as may be required by the
 360 registrars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018, and applicable to machinery rented on or after July 1, 2018</i>	12-692
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	12-81(78)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	30-53
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	7-34a(a)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	7-73
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	19a-323(b)

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Department of Revenue Services	GF - Revenue Gain	Up to \$100,000	Up to \$200,000
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Approx. \$119,500	Approx. \$119,500
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Approx. \$179,000	Approx. \$179,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill makes several changes to statutes related to taxes and fees. A section by section summary is provided below.

Section 1 increases, from 1.5% to 2.75%, the machinery rental surcharge rate. This results in a revenue gain of up to \$100,000 in FY 19 (partial year) and up to \$200,000 in FY 20 and annually thereafter.

Section 2 makes a technical change and has no fiscal impact.

Sections 3 to 6 increase fees paid to municipalities for filing various documents and permits, and also increases a fee paid to the state for filing marriage licenses.

The bill's provision regarding marriage licenses result in 1) a General Fund revenue increase of about \$300,000 (of which about

\$179,000 would be retained by the Department of Social Services, and about \$119,000 would be retained by the Department of Public Health), and 2) a cumulative revenue gain across all municipalities of about \$96,300.

The bill raises the fee for a burial permit or a removal, transit and burial permit by \$2. This results in an estimated revenue gain of about \$60,000 cumulatively across all municipalities.

The bill results in an additional, minimal revenue gain to municipalities associated with other document filing fee increases. Such revenue gain would vary based on the number of documents filed in any given municipality.

House "A" raises the fee for a burial permit or a removal, transit and burial permit by \$2. This results in an estimated revenue gain of about \$60,000 cumulatively across all municipalities.

House "A" also strikes sections of the underlying bill relating to 1) a cost-benefit analysis of property tax exemptions, and 2) the assessment of certain common interest communities in the City of Hartford. This 1) removes the cost in the underlying bill associated with the cost-benefit analysis, and 2) precludes any increase in Hartford's grand list that would have occurred as a result the assessment change.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5591 (as amended by House "A")***

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SUMMARY

This bill makes the following tax and fee related changes:

1. increases the fees municipalities must charge for various permits and filings;
2. increases, from 1.5% to 2.75%, the surcharge on rental machinery; and
3. requires taxpayers claiming a property tax exemption for machinery and equipment used by retailers to color or mix paint for sale in the state to apply to local assessors, on a form the assessors prescribe, annually by November 1 (§ 2).

*House Amendment "A" adds a provision increasing the burial or removal, transit, and burial permit fee from \$3 to \$5 and eliminates the bill's provisions (1) requiring the Office of Policy and Management secretary to study existing property tax exemptions and analyze them on a cost-benefit and community-benefit basis and report his findings to the legislature and (2) excluding certain common interest community and condominium units under common ownership from the types of property eligible for the residential assessment ratio under Hartford's property tax assessment law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018, and the rental surcharge is

applicable to machinery rented on or after July 1, 2018.

§§ 3-6 — MUNICIPAL FEE INCREASES

The bill increases the fees municipalities must charge for various permits and filings, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Municipal Fee Increases

<i>Fee Description</i>	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>Bill</i>
Liquor permit filing	\$2	\$20
Filing any document	5	10
Survey or map filing and indexing	10	20
Subdivision survey or map filing and indexing	20	30
Notary public: commission and oath recording	10	20
Notary public: character certification	2	5
Marriage license (including surcharge)	30	50
Burial or removal, transit, and burial permit	3	5
Cremation permit	3	5

§ 1 — RENTAL MACHINERY SURCHARGE

By law, the state imposes a surcharge on certain machinery rentals and requires rental companies to remit the surcharge collected during the year that exceeds the Connecticut property taxes and Department of Motor Vehicles registration and titling fees they paid on the equipment. The bill increases the surcharge from 1.5% to 2.75%.

By law, unchanged by the bill, the surcharge applies to (1) businesses generating at least 51% of their total annual revenue from rentals, excluding retail or wholesale sales of rental equipment and (2) rentals for less than 365 days or for an undefined period under an open-ended contract.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 47 Nay 4 (04/05/2018)