AN ACT CONCERNING THE COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS BY USING A HAND-HELD SCANNER.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(a) Any person applying in writing shall receive, promptly upon request, a plain, facsimile, electronic or certified copy of any public record. The type of copy provided shall be within the discretion of the public agency, except (1) the agency shall provide a certified copy whenever requested, and (2) if the applicant does not have access to a computer or facsimile machine, the public agency shall not send the applicant an electronic or facsimile copy. [The] Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the fee for any copy provided in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act:

(A) By an executive, administrative or legislative office of the state, a state agency or a department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official of the state, including a committee of, or created by, such an office, agency, department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official, and also including any judicial office, official or body or committee thereof but only in respect to its or their administrative functions, shall not exceed twenty-five cents per page; and
(B) By all other public agencies, as defined in section 1-200, shall not exceed fifty cents per page. If any copy provided in accordance with said Freedom of Information Act requires a transcription, or if any person applies for a transcription of a public record, the fee for such transcription shall not exceed the cost thereof to the public agency.

Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 1-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(g) Any individual may copy a public record through the use of a hand-held scanner. [A public agency may establish a fee structure not to exceed twenty dollars for an individual to pay each time the individual copies records at the agency with a hand-held scanner.] The fee for copying records at the public agency per day with a hand-held scanner shall be in accordance with one of the following subdivisions, as applicable: (1) The first two hundred pages or less shall be free of charge; (2) from two hundred one pages until five hundred pages shall cost ten dollars; and (3) any number of pages exceeding five hundred pages shall cost twenty dollars. As used in this section, "hand-held scanner" means a battery operated electronic scanning device the use of which [(1)] (A) leaves no mark or impression on the public record, and [(2)] (B) does not unreasonably interfere with the operation of the public agency, and includes, but is not limited to, any mobile telephone or camera.

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

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