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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT EXEMPTING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES AND COMPANIES FROM THE FEE FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) The bureau in the Division of State Police within the Department
4 of Emergency Services and Public Protection known as the State Police
5 Bureau of Identification shall be maintained for the purposes of: (1)
6 Providing an authentic record of each person sixteen years of age or over
7 who is charged with the commission of any crime involving moral
8 turpitude, (2) providing definite information relative to the identity of
9 each person so arrested, (3) providing a record of the final judgment of
10 the court resulting from such arrest, unless such record has been erased
11 pursuant to section 54-142a, and (4) maintaining a central repository of
12 complete criminal history record disposition information. The
13 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection is directed
14 to maintain the State Police Bureau of Identification, which bureau shall
15 receive, classify and file in an orderly manner all fingerprints, pictures

16 and descriptions, including previous criminal records as far as known
17 of all persons so arrested, and shall classify and file in a like manner all
18 identification material and records received from the government of the
19 United States and from the various state governments and subdivisions
20 thereof, and shall cooperate with such governmental units in the
21 exchange of information relative to criminals. The State Police Bureau of
22 Identification shall accept fingerprints of applicants for admission to the
23 bar of the state and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall
24 exchange state, multistate and federal criminal history records with the
25 State Bar Examining Committee for purposes of investigation of the
26 qualifications of any applicant for admission as an attorney under
27 section 51-80. The record of all arrests reported to the bureau after March
28 16, 1976, shall contain information of any disposition within ninety days
29 after the disposition has occurred.

30 (b) Any cost incurred by the State Police Bureau of Identification in
31 conducting any name search and fingerprinting of applicants for
32 admission to the bar of the state shall be paid from fees collected by the
33 State Bar Examining Committee.

34 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
35 shall charge the following fees for the service indicated: (1) Name
36 search, thirty-six dollars; (2) fingerprint search, seventy-five dollars; (3)
37 personal record search, seventy-five dollars; (4) letters of good conduct
38 search, seventy-five dollars; (5) bar association search, seventy-five
39 dollars; (6) fingerprinting, fifteen dollars; (7) criminal history record
40 information search, seventy-five dollars. Except as provided in
41 subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of this subsection shall not
42 apply to any (A) federal, state or municipal agency, (B) volunteer fire
43 company or department, or (C) volunteer ambulance service or
44 company. The commissioner shall not require a volunteer fire company
45 or department or a volunteer ambulance service or company to provide
46 proof of insurance as a condition to receiving the waiver of fees
47 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

48 (d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 49 may enter into one or more agreements with independent contractors
 50 requiring such contractors to receive and transmit by electronic means
 51 fingerprints and demographic information to the State Police Bureau of
 52 Identification for the processing of criminal history records checks. The
 53 commissioner shall require such contractors to: (1) Collect and remit the
 54 fee charged for fingerprinting, as provided in subsection (c) of this
 55 section, to the State Police Bureau of Identification, and (2) comply with
 56 terms and conditions as the commissioner shall prescribe to protect and
 57 ensure the security, privacy, confidentiality and value of the
 58 fingerprints and demographic information received and transmitted by
 59 such contractors. The commissioner may authorize such contractors to
 60 charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed fifteen dollars, for
 61 fingerprinting.

62 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 63 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
 64 necessary to implement the provisions of the National Child Protection
 65 Act of 1993, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of
 66 1994, the Volunteers for Children Act of 1998, and the National Crime
 67 Prevention and Privacy Compact as provided in section 29-164f to
 68 provide for national criminal history records checks to determine an
 69 employee's or volunteer's suitability and fitness to care for the safety
 70 and well-being of children, the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	29-11

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt volunteer fire companies and departments and volunteer ambulance services and companies from the fee for a criminal history records check.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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