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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-212 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
5 *1, 2021*):

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

15 (A) By an executive, administrative or legislative office of the state, a
 16 state agency or a department, institution, bureau, board, commission,
 17 authority or official of the state, including a committee of, or created by,
 18 such an office, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,
 19 commission, authority or official, and also including any judicial office,
 20 official or body or committee thereof but only in respect to its or their
 21 administrative functions, shall not exceed twenty-five cents per page;
 22 and

23 (B) By all other public agencies, as defined in section 1-200, shall not
 24 exceed fifty cents per page. If any copy provided in accordance with
 25 [said] the Freedom of Information Act requires a transcription, or if any
 26 person applies for a transcription of a public record, the fee for such
 27 transcription shall not exceed the cost thereof to the public agency.

28 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 1-212 of the general statutes is
 29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 30 *1, 2021*):

31 (g) Any individual may copy a public record through the use of a
 32 hand-held scanner. A public agency [may establish a fee structure not
 33 to exceed twenty dollars for an] shall not charge a fee to any individual
 34 [to pay each time the individual] who copies records at the agency with
 35 a hand-held scanner, except that a public agency may establish a fee
 36 structure not to exceed twenty dollars per day for the copying of land
 37 records using a hand-held scanner. As used in this section, "hand-held
 38 scanner" means a battery operated electronic scanning device the use of
 39 which (1) leaves no mark or impression on the public record, and (2)
 40 does not unreasonably interfere with the operation of the public agency.
 41 "Hand-held scanner" includes, but is not limited to, a mobile telephone
 42 or camera."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	1-212(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2021	1-212(g)

