2887

FISCAL NOTE(Form 3)
(Office of Fiscal Analysis)
Analyst: F 5-27-92
las
Version: 4

BILL NUMBER: SB 2018
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: Senate "A" &"B"

Passed

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS FEES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Emergency Certification

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

* * * * *

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 2018

STATE IMPACT See below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Various Agencies

	Current FY	1992-93	1993-94
State Cost (savings)		315,300	
St Revenue (loss)		15,183,478	
Net St Revenue (savings)		14,868,178	
Municipal Impact			

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

The bill as amended will result in a net revenue gain of $14.87 million from increases in various licenses, permits and fees ($14,935,478) and miscellaneous revenue enhancements ($248,000) minus costs associated with implementation ($315,300).

To the extent that budgeted reductions in agency personnel due to early retirement, layoffs and attrition have decreased licensing and regulatory staffs in the Departments affected by this act, there could be a negative impact on the revenue generated.

It should be noted that collection of revenues reflected in this fiscal note from fees attributable to the Department of Health Services (DOHS) will be contingent upon the the agency being able to dedicate sufficient staff resources to licensure and collection activities in FY 1992-93. The extent to which this can be accomplished is uncertain as the DOHS has experienced a significant reduction in its workforce in

recent months due to budgeted personnel reductions and early retirements. (Twenty four (24) out of the fifty nine (59) individuals taking early retirement worked in the DOHS's primary licensure divisions.) It is uncertain at this time whether the agency will lose more positions due to layoffs.

It is anticipated that the agency would require a total of $255,300 which includes one (1) Administrative Fiscal Officer (at approximately $32,000) to monitor fee collection. Achieving revenues related to asbestos activities would require 4 staff; achieving revenues associated with licensure of youth camps would require 4.3 full-time equivalent positions. The total cost associated with these staff, including related other expenses, is $223,300. It should be noted that no funding has been included within SA 92-13 (the Appropriations Act) for these additional positions.

Based upon a review of the Department of Consumer Protection's actual budget for FY 1991-92 and the proposed budget outlined in SA 92-13 (the Appropriations Act) for FY 1992-93, three positions and $60,000 will be needed to register weighing devices.

The 1991-92 budget for the Department of Consumer Protection included three positions and $60,000 to cover the administrative costs to collect the registration fees for weighing devices. Since the legislation to implement the registration program was not approved by the General Assembly the appropriated funds were anticipated to lapse and the positions not established.

Special Act 92-13 requires DCP to eliminate a total of 29 positions to effect a savings of $963,606 in Personal Services for FY 1992-93. Consequently, it is anticipated that the responsibilities associated with this registration program cannot be handled within DCP's normal budgetary resources.

Theoretically, a revenue loss should result from the elimination of various specified general fees in the Secretary of State's Office. In this case, however, since the current fees are restrictive, a revenue loss is not anticipated as the agency can now charge a fee that covers the cost of the service that is provided. Consequently, a revenue gain could result. The extent of the potential gain beyond that which is specified is indeterminate.

Because of the limited availability of data on several fees in the Office of Secretary of State, an accurate estimate of revenue gained from increases is not possible. Therefore, there could be an additional revenue increase the amount of which cannot be determined.

It should be noted that the agency budgets do not include fringe benefit costs as they are provided in separate accounts administered by the Comptroller. As the fringe benefit costs associated with this bill represent a very small amount relative to the total appropriated to the Comptroller for fringe benfits for all state employees, they have not been reflected in this estimate.

Senate "A" results in a minimal revenue gain as the amendment requires full-time teachers of adult education programs to pay the $50 fee, however most of those who teach do so on a part-time basis.

Senate "B" effects a revenue loss of $210,000 from the reduction in fees for the subsurface sewage disposal system installers and $13,500 from the decreases in fees for the subsurface sewage disposal system cleaners.

"THIS DOCUMENT IS PREPARED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF INFORMATION, SUMMARIZATION AND EXPLANATION. IT DOES NOT NOT REPRESENT THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EITHER OR EITHER HOUSE THEREOF FOR ANY PURPOSE."

GENERAL FUND REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

	FY 1992–93
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES – GENERAL FUND	
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER	
ESTABLISH A $300 FEE FOR CIVIL COURT APPEARANCES	21,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
RAISE FEES FOR POLICE ACCIDENT AND CRIMINAL REPORTS FROM $0.50/PAGE TO $5/REPORT	200,000
RAISE FEES FOR MOVING PICTURES FROM $25 TO $35	4,000
RAISE FEES FOR AMUSEMENT PARKS FROM $10–$25 TO $35–$50	37,525
RAISE FEES FOR ELEVATORS FROM $80–$100 TO $120–$150	200,000
RAISE FEES FOR PASSENGER TRAMWAYS FROM $40–$100 TO $80–$150	1,000
RAISE FEES FOR BOILER INSPECTIONS FROM $10–$60 TO $20–$100	195,000
RAISE FEES FOR EXPLOSIVES FROM $0–$25 TO $25–$30	7,000
RAISE FEES FOR FIREWORKS FROM $10–$25 TO $30–$50	2,000
RAISE FEES FOR DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS FROM $100–$500 TO $200–$750	52,000
DEPARTMENT OF AGING	
ESTABLISH OWNERS ANNUAL FILING FEE AT CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES OF $24 PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT	64,000
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	
RAISE LICENSES AND FEES FOR CANINE CONTROL, LIVESTOCK FEEDS, AND FERTILIZERS FROM $0–$50 TO $.25–$100	131,000
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION	
ESTABLISH FEES FOR WEIGHING DEVICES OF $15–$125	595,000
ESTABLISH FEE OF $150 FOR A PHARMACIST EXAM	18,750
RAISE REAL ESTATE RECIPROCITY FEE FROM $15 TO $25	30,000
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	
RAISE JURY FEES FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FROM $100 TO $250	1,917,600
EXTEND $20 SURCHARGE TO CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	619,000
RAISE MISCELLANEOUS COPYING AND GENERAL FEES	200,000
RAISE VARIOUS COURT FILING, MOTION AND APPLICATION FEES	3,530,500
ESTABLISH APPLICATION FEES FOR PRE–JUDGEMENT REMEDIES	360,300
ESTABLISH CHILD SUPPORT CONTEMPT MOTION FEE	165,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES	
RAISE FEES FOR DAYCARE CENTERS FROM $15–$100 TO $30–$200	74,430
ESTABLISH A $500 FEE FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL INFIRMARIES	15,000
ESTABLISH FEES FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT FROM $50 TO $100	311,250
RAISE RENEWAL AND APPLICATION FEES FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONALS I.E. BARBERS, CHIROPRACTORS, HAIRDRESSERS HAIRDRESSERS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS. OPTICIANS, PODIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM $25–$300 TO $50–$450	1,421,600
RAISE FEES FOR YOUTH CAMP OPERATION FROM $0–$100 TO $250–$650	84,000
ESTABLISH FEES OF $75–$600 FOR REVIEW OF PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PLANS	47,500
ESTABLISH OR RAISE FEES FOR ON SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FROM $0–$12.50 TO $50–$500	175,375
ESTABLISH BIENNIAL FEES FOR LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND MATERNITY HOMES OF $5–$750	331,333
RAISING FEES FOR HEARING AID DEALERS FROM $45–$75 TO $100	9,515
ESTABLISH FEES FOR INSPECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR VAULTS, CRYPTS, COLUMBARIUMS AND MAUSOLEUMS OF $1,000	2,000
ESTABLISH FEES FOR INSPECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR CREMATORIES OF $1,000	1,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
RAISE TEACHER CERTIFICATION FEES FROM $0–$18 TO $25–$300	2,000,000
RAISE FEES FOR COMPETENCY EXAMS FROM $48 TO $75	151,200
CONNECTICUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION	
RAISE PRE–TRIAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION FEE FROM $250 TO $350	842,200
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE	
RAISE VARIOUS FEES IN THE CORPORATIONS DIVISION	1,118,400
TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES – GENERAL FUND	$14,935,478
MISCELLANEOUS	
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION	
RAISE FOOD REINSPECTION FEES FROM $32.50/HR TO $40.00/HR	1,000
COMMISSION ON HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE	
ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW FEES	247,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	$248,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS	$15,183,478