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1	SENATE BILL NO. 1179
	Offered January 10, 2001
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4	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-69.48:1, 16.1-69.48:3, 17.1-275, 17.1-275.4, 17.1-275.5,
5	17.1-275.6, 17.1-281, 19.2-11.3, 19.2-303.4, 19.2-354, 19.2-368.18, 53.1-131.1, and 53.1-150 of the
6	Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 17.1-275.7,
7	17.1-275.8, and 17.1-275.9, and to repeal §§ 17.1-277 and 18.2-264.01 of the Code of Virginia,
8	relating to court fees.
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13	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
14	1. That §§ 16.1-69.48:1, 16.1-69.48:3, 17.1-275, 17.1-275.4, 17.1-275.5, 17.1-275.6, 17.1-281,
15	19.2-11.3, 19.2-303.4, 19.2-354, 19.2-368.18, 53.1-131.1, and 53.1-150 of the Code of Virginia are
16	amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered
17	17.1-275.7, 17.1-275.8, and 17.1-275.9 as follows:
18	§ 16.1-69.48:1. Fixed fee for misdemeanors, traffic infractions and other violations in district court;
19 20	additional fees to be added. A. Fees for services performed by the judges or clerks of district courts in criminal or traffic actions
20 21	and proceedings shall be as follows and such fees shall be included in the taxed costs :
22	1. For processing a case of a misdemeanor or a traffic violation, including a case in which there has
$\overline{23}$	been written appearance and waiver of court hearing, and including swearing witnesses and taxing costs,
24	twenty-eight dollars, and one dollar of the amount collected hereunder shall be forwarded to the State
25	Treasurer for deposit in the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund as provided in § 9-178.2,
26	to be used for financial support of the regional criminal justice training academies.
27	In misdemeanors, traffic infractions and other violations tried in district court, except for those
28	proceedings provided for in subsection B, there shall be assessed as court costs a fixed fee of
29 30	thirty-seven dollars. The amount collected, in whole or in part, for the fixed fee shall be apportioned, as provided by law to the following funds in the fractional amounts designated:
30 31	provided by law, to the following funds in the fractional amounts designated: 1. Processing fee (general fund) (.729730);
32	2. Virginia Crime Victim- Witness Fund (.081081);
33	3. Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies Fund (.027027);
34	4. Courthouse construction/maintenance fund (.054054);
35	5. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (.054054); and
36	6. Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund (.054054).
37	Assessment of this fee shall be based on: (i) an appearance for court hearing in which there has been
38	a finding of guilty; (ii) a written appearance with waiver of court hearing and entry of guilty plea; (iii) for a defendent failing to appear a trial in his or her absence resulting in a finding of guilty or (iv) an
39 40	for a defendant failing to appear, a trial in his or her absence resulting in a finding of guilty; Θ (iv) an appearance for court hearing in which the court requires that the defendant successfully complete traffic
4 1	school or a driver improvement clinic, in lieu of a finding of guilty; or (v) a deferral of proceedings
42	pursuant to §§ 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.9, 18.2-57.3, 18.2-67.2:1, or 19.2-303.2.
43	In addition to any other fee prescribed by this subsection, a fee of ten dollars shall be taxed as costs
44	whenever a defendant fails to appear, unless, after a hearing requested by such person, good cause is
45	shown for such failure to appear. No defendant with multiple charges arising from a single incident shall
46	be taxed the fee provided in this subsection more than once for a single appearance or trial in absence
47	related to that incident. A defendant with charges which arise from separate incidents shall be taxed a
48 49	fee for each incident even if the charges from the multiple incidents are disposed of in a single appearance or trial in absence.
5 0	2. For processing any check tendered in a case of traffic violation that has been returned unpaid by
51	any banking institution, such fee as is determined pursuant to § 19.2-353.3.
52	B. Three dollars of the amount collected hereunder shall be collected for the benefit of and paid to
53	the Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund as provided in § 19.2-11.3 and one dollar of the amount
54	collected hereunder shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Regional Criminal
55	Justice Academy Training Fund as provided in § 9-178.2, to be used for financial support of the regional
56	criminal justice training academies, irrespective of whether the defendant's case was processed as a
57 59	violation of the Code of Virginia or as a violation of a local ordinance In criminal actions and
58	proceedings in district court for a violation of any provision of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter

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- 59 7 of Title 18.2, there shall be assessed as court costs a fixed fee of \$232. The amount collected, in
- 60 whole or in part, for the fixed fee shall be apportioned, as provided by law, to the following funds in 61 the fractional amounts designated:
- 62 1. Processing fee, including the fee for forensic laboratory analysis (General Fund) (.547414)
- 63 2. Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (.012931):
- 64 3. Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies Fund (.004310);
- 65 4. Courthouse construction/maintenance Fund (.008621);
- 5. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (.008621); 66
- 67 6. Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund (.008621); and
- 68 7. Drug Offender Assessment Fund (.409483).
- Assessment of this fee shall be based on a conviction or a deferral of proceedings pursuant to 69 § 18.2-251. No defendant with multiple charges arising from a single incident shall be taxed the fee 70 71 provided in this subsection more than once for a single appearance or trial in absence related to that incident. A defendant with charges that arise from separate incidents shall be taxed a fee for each 72 73 incident even if the charges from the multiple incidents are disposed of in a single appearance or trial 74 in absence.
- 75 C. In addition to the fixed fee assessed pursuant to subsections A or B, in the appropriate cases, the 76 clerk shall assess the following costs:
- 77 1. Any amount paid by the Commonwealth, or a county, city, or town, for legal representation of the 78 defendant; 79
 - 2. Any fee for blood tests taken for a charge of driving while intoxicated;
 - 3. Any court costs related to an ignition interlock device;
- 81 4. Fees for processing any check that has been returned unpaid by any banking institution or any 82 disallowed credit card charge, as is determined pursuant to § 19.2-353.3;
- 83 5. Fees for any witnesses;
- 84 6. Fees for any court-ordered substance abuse assessment, treatment or education programs;
- 85 7. Fees for testing for HIV;
- 86 8. Any weighing fee pursuant to § 46.2-1137;
- 87 9. Costs of psychiatric evaluation; and
- 88 10. Any fee for a court reporter.
- 89 § 16.1-69.48:3. Fees charged to drug offenders.
- 90 In each easeWhenever in a general district court in which a person is convicted of the costs provided 91 for in subsection B of § 16.1-69.48:1 are assessed for a violation of any provision of Article 1 92 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess, in addition to any other fee, a fee 93 of seventy five dollars for each misdemeanor conviction and each misdemeanor disposition under § 18.2-251 which a portion of the costs, as specified in subsection B of § 16.1-69.48:1, shall be included 94 95 in the taxed costs and paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund.
- § 17.1-275. Fees collected by clerks of circuit courts; generally. 96
- 97 A. A clerk of a circuit court shall, for services performed by virtue of his office, charge the 98 following fees:
- 99 1. When a writing is admitted to record under Chapter 2 (§ 17.1-200 et seq.) of this title, or Chapter 100 5 (§ 55-80 et seq.) or Chapter 6 (§ 55-106 et seq.) of Title 55, for everything relating to it, except the 101 recording in the proper book; for receiving proof of acknowledgments, entering orders, endorsing clerk's 102 certificate, and when required, embracing it in a list for the commissioner of the revenue, one dollar.
- 103 2. For recording and indexing in the proper book any writing and all matters therewith, or for 104 recording and indexing anything not otherwise provided for, thirteen dollars, including the fee of one dollar set forth in subdivision A 1 for up to four pages and one dollar for each page over four pages, 105 and for recording plats too large to be recorded in the deed books, and for each sheet thereof, thirteen 106 107 dollars. This fee shall be in addition to the fee for recording a deed or other instrument recorded in 108 conjunction with such plat sheet or sheets including the fee of one dollar set forth in subdivision A. 1. Only a single fee as authorized by this subdivision shall be charged for recording a certificate of 109 satisfaction that releases the original deed of trust and any corrected or revised deeds of trust. In 110 addition, a fee of one dollar shall be charged for indexing any document for each name indexed 111 exceeding a total of ten in number. One dollar of the fee collected for recording and indexing shall be 112 113 designated for use in preserving the permanent records of the circuit courts. The sum collected for this 114 purpose shall be administered by The Library of Virginia in cooperation with the circuit court clerks.
- 3. For appointing and qualifying any personal representative, committee, trustee, guardian, or other 115 116 fiduciary, in addition to any fees for recording allowed by this section, twenty dollars for estates not exceeding \$50,000, twenty-five dollars for estates not exceeding \$100,000 and thirty dollars for estates 117 118 exceeding \$100,000. No fee shall be charged for estates of \$5,000 or less.
- 119 4. For entering and granting and for issuing any license, other than a marriage license or a hunting 120 and fishing license, and administering an oath when necessary, ten dollars.

121 5. For issuing a marriage license, attaching certificate, administering or receiving all necessary oaths 122 or affidavits, indexing and recording, ten dollars.

123 6. For making out any bond, other than those under § 17.1-267 or subdivision A. 4. of this section, 124 administering all necessary oaths and writing proper affidavits, three dollars.

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7. For all services rendered by the clerk in any garnishment or attachment proceeding, the clerk's fee 126 shall be fifteen dollars in cases not exceeding \$500 and twenty-five dollars in all other cases.

127 8. For making out a copy of any paper or record to go out of the office, which is not otherwise 128 specifically provided for, a fee of fifty cents for each page. However, there shall be no charge to the 129 recipient of a final order or decree to send an attested copy to such party.

130 9. For annexing the seal of the court to any paper, writing the certificate of the clerk accompanying 131 it, the clerk shall charge two dollars and for attaching the certificate of the judge, if the clerk is 132 requested to do so, the clerk shall charge an additional fifty cents.

10. In any case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess a fee of \$150 for each felony 133 134 135 conviction and each felony disposition under § 18.2-251 which shall be taxed as costs to the defendant 136 and shall be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund.

137 11. a. Upon conviction in misdemeanor cases, the clerk shall charge the defendant twenty-six dollars 138 in each case. Sums shall be collected for and paid to the benefit of the Virginia Crime Victim-Witness 139 Fund as provided for in § 19.2-11.3 and one dollar of the amount collected hereunder shall be forwarded **140** to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund as provided 141 in <u>§ 9-178.2</u>, to be used for financial support of the regional criminal justice training academies, 142 irrespective of whether the defendant was convicted of a misdemeanor chargeable under the Code of 143 Virginia or pursuant to a local ordinance.

144 b. In addition, in each case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 145 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess (i) a fee of seventy-five dollars 146 for each misdemeanor conviction which shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and shall be paid into 147 the Drug Offender Assessment Fund, unless such fee has been assessed and taxed in the general district 148 court as provided in § 16.1-69.48:3 and (ii) a fee of \$100 per case for any forensic laboratory analysis 149 performed for use in prosecution of such violation which shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and 150 shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

151 e. In addition, for each misdemeanor case the clerk shall collect and tax as costs (i) the fees of the 152 attorneys for the Commonwealth as provided for in § 15.2-1627.3, (ii) the compensation of 153 court-appointed counsel as provided in § 19.2-163, (iii) the fees of the public defenders as provided for 154 in § 19.2-163.2, (iv) the additional costs imposed under § 19.2-368.18 to be deposited into the Criminal 155 Injuries Compensation Fund, and (v) in any court in which electronic devices are used for the purpose 156 of recording testimony, a sum not to exceed five dollars for each day or part of a day of the trial to be 157 paid by the clerk into a special fund to be used for the purpose of repairing, replacing or supplementing 158 such electronic devices, or if a sufficient amount is available, to pay the purchase price of such devices 159 in whole or in part. For the purpose of this subdivision, repairing shall include maintenance or service 160 contracts.

161 d. In addition, a fee of twelve dollars shall be charged to a defendant found guilty in a criminal case 162 in the circuit court as costs for (i) serving a warrant or summons other than on a witness when no arrest 163 is made or (ii) making an arrest on a felony or misdemeanor charge, when such services are provided by 164 the sheriff. In any case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 1 165 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess a fee for each misdemeanor conviction that shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and shall be paid into the Drug Offender 166 167 Assessment Fund as provided in § 17.1-275.8.

168 12. Upon the defendant's being required to successfully complete traffic school or a driver 169 improvement clinic in lieu of a finding of guilty, the court shall charge the defendant fees and costs as 170 if he had been convicted.

171 13. In all actions at law the clerk's fee chargeable to the plaintiff shall be fifty dollars in cases not 172 exceeding \$50,000, \$100 in cases not exceeding \$100,000, and \$150 in cases exceeding \$100,000; and 173 in condemnation cases, a fee of twenty-five dollars, to be paid by the plaintiff at the time of instituting 174 the action, this fee to be in lieu of any other fees. There shall be no fee charged for the filing of a 175 cross-claim or setoff in any pending action. However, the fees prescribed by this subdivision shall be 176 charged upon the filing of a counterclaim. The fees prescribed above shall be collected upon the filing 177 of papers for the commencement of civil actions. This subdivision shall not be applicable to cases filed 178 in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

179 13a. For the filing of any petition seeking court approval of a settlement where no action has yet 180 been filed, the clerk's fee, chargeable to the petitioner, shall be fifty dollars, to be paid by the petitioner 181 at the time of filing the petition.

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182 14. In addition to the fees chargeable for actions at law, for the costs of proceedings for judgments 183 by confession under §§ 8.01-432 through 8.01-440, the clerk shall tax as costs (i) the cost of registered 184 or certified mail, (ii) the statutory writ tax, in the amount required by law to be paid on a suit for the 185 amount of the confessed judgment, (iii) for the sheriff for serving each copy of the order entering 186 judgment, twelve dollars, and (iv) for docketing the judgment and issuing executions thereon, the same 187 fees as prescribed in subdivision A. 17.

188 15. For qualifying notaries public, including the making out of the bond and any copies thereof, 189 administering the necessary oaths, and entering the order, ten dollars.

190 16. For each habeas corpus proceeding, the clerk shall receive ten dollars for all services required 191 thereunder. This subdivision shall not be applicable to such suits filed in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

17. For docketing and indexing a judgment from any other court of this Commonwealth, for 192 193 docketing and indexing a judgment in the new name of a judgment debtor pursuant to the provisions of 194 § 8.01-451, but not when incident to a divorce, for noting and filing the assignment of a judgment pursuant to § 8.01-452, a fee of five dollars; and for issuing an abstract of any recorded judgment, when 195 196 proper to do so, a fee of five dollars; and for filing, docketing, indexing and mailing notice of a foreign 197 judgment, a fee of twenty dollars.

198 18. For all services rendered by the clerk in any court proceeding for which no specific fee is 199 provided by law, the clerk shall charge ten dollars, to be paid by the party filing said papers at the time 200 of filing; however, this subdivision shall not be applicable in a divorce cause prior to and including the 201 entry of a decree of divorce from the bond of matrimony.

19. For receiving and processing an application for a tax deed, ten dollars.

203 20. For all services rendered by the clerk in any condemnation proceeding instituted by the 204 Commonwealth, twenty-five dollars.

21. For making the endorsements on a forthcoming bond and recording the matters relating to such 205 206 bond pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-529, one dollar.

22. For all services rendered by the clerk in any proceeding pursuant to § 57-8 or § 57-15, ten 207 208 dollars. 209

23. For preparation and issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, five dollars.

210 24. For all services rendered by the clerk in matters under § 8.01-217 relating to change of name, 211 twenty dollars; however, this subdivision shall not be applicable in cases where the change of name is 212 incident to a divorce. 213

25. For providing court records or documents on microfilm, per frame, ten cents.

214 26. In all chancery causes, the clerk's fee chargeable to the plaintiff shall be fifty dollars to be paid 215 by the plaintiff at the time of instituting the suit, which shall include the furnishing of a duly certified copy of the final decree. However, no fee shall be charged for the filing of a cross-bill in any pending 216 217 suit. In divorce cases, when there is a merger of a divorce of separation a mensa et thoro into a decree 218 of divorce a vinculo, the above mentioned fee shall include the furnishing of a duly certified copy of 219 both such decrees.

220 27. For the acceptance of credit cards in lieu of money to collect and secure all fees, fines, restitution, forfeiture, penalties and costs in accordance with § 19.2-353.3, the clerk shall collect a 221 222 service charge of four percent of the amount paid.

223 28. For the return of any check unpaid by the financial institution on which it was drawn or notice is 224 received from the credit card issuer that payment will not be made for any reason, the clerk shall 225 collect, if allowed by the court, a fee of twenty dollars or ten percent of the amount to be paid, 226 whichever is greater, in accordance with § 19.2-353.3.

227 29. For all services rendered, except in cases in which costs are assessed pursuant to §§ 17.1-275.1, 228 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3, or § 17.1-275.4, in an adoption proceeding, a fee of twenty dollars, in addition 229 to the fee imposed under § 63.1-219.53, to be paid by the petitioner or petitioners.

230 30. For issuing a duplicate license for one lost or destroyed as provided in § 29.1-334, a fee in the 231 same amount as the fee for the original license.

232 31. For the filing of any petition as provided in §§ 33.1-124, 33.1-125 and 33.1-129, a fee of five 233 dollars to be paid by the petitioner; and for the recordation of a certificate or copy thereof, as provided 234 for in § 33.1-122, as well as for any order of the court relating thereto, the clerk shall charge the same 235 fee as for recording a deed as provided for in this section, to be paid by the party upon whose request 236 such certificate is recorded or order is entered.

32. For making up, certifying and transmitting original record pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme 237 238 Court, including all papers necessary to be copied and other services rendered, except in cases in which 239 costs are assessed pursuant to §§ 17.1-275.1, 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3, or § 17.1-275.4, a fee of twenty 240 dollars.

33. For issuance of hunting and trapping permits in accordance with § 10.1-1154, twenty-five cents. 241

242 34. For filings, etc., under the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act (§ 55-142.1 et seq.), the fees 243 shall be as prescribed in that Act.

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244 35. For filing the appointment of a resident agent for a nonresident property owner in accordance 245 with § 55-218.1, a fee of one dollar. 36. For filing power of attorney for service of process, or resignation or revocation thereof, in accordance with § 59.1-71, a fee of twenty-five cents. 246 247 248 37. For recordation of certificate and registration of names of nonresident owners in accordance with 249 § 59.1-74, a fee of ten dollars. 250 38. For maintaining the information required under the Overhead High Voltage Line Safety Act 251 (\S 59.1-406 et seq.), the fee as prescribed in \S 59.1-411. 252 39. For lodging, indexing and preserving a will in accordance with § 64.1-56, a fee of two dollars. 253 40. For filing a financing statement in accordance with § 8.9-403, the fee shall be as prescribed 254 under that section. 255 41. For filing a termination statement in accordance with § 8.9-404, the fee shall be as prescribed 256 under that section. 257 42. For filing assignment of security interest in accordance with § 8.9-405, the fee shall be as 258 prescribed under that section. 259 43. For filing a petition as provided in §§ 37.1-134.7 and 37.1-134.17, the fee shall be ten dollars. 260 44. For issuing any execution, and recording the return thereof, a fee of \$1.50. 261 45. For the preparation and issuance of a summons for interrogation by an execution creditor, a fee 262 of five dollars. If there is no outstanding execution, and one is requested herewith, the clerk shall be 263 allowed an additional fee of \$1.50, in accordance with subdivision A. 44. 264 B. In accordance with § 17.1-281, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions A. 7., 10, 11, A. 13., 265 A. 16., A. 18. if applicable, A. 20., A. 22., A. 24., A. 26., A. 29. and A. 31. to be designated for 266 courthouse construction, renovation or maintenance. 267 C. In accordance with § 17.1-278, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions A. 7., A. 13., A. 16., A. 18. if applicable, A. 20., A. 22., A. 24., A. 26., A. 29. and A. 31. to be designated for services 268 269 provided for the poor, without charge, by a nonprofit legal aid program. 270 D. In accordance with § 9-178.1, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions A 10 and 11 to be 271 designated for the Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund. E. In accordance with § 42.1-70, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions A. 7., A. 13., A. 16., 272 273 A. 18. if applicable, A. 20., A. 22., A. 24., A. 26., A. 29. and A. 31. to be designated for public law 274 libraries. 275 FE. The provisions of this section shall control the fees charged by clerks of circuit courts for the 276 services above described. 277 § 17.1-275.4. Fixed misdemeanor reduced from felony revocation fee. 278 In circuit court, when a person whose charge was reduced from a felony charge is convicted of a 279 misdemeanor and subsequently suffers partial or full revocation of his suspension of sentence or probation pursuant to § 19.2-306, other than a revocation for failure to pay previously assessed court 280 281 costs, he shall be assessed as court costs a fee of \$87.50 eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents to be known 282 as the fixed misdemeanor reduced from felony revocation fee. A single fixed misdemeanor revocation 283 fee shall be assessed per defendant per hearing without regard to the number of misdemeanor 284 revocations being considered except that if a revocation of probation or suspended sentence upon a 285 felony conviction is also being considered at the same revocation proceeding, a single fixed felony 286 revocation fee shall apply instead. The amount collected, in whole or in part, for the fixed misdemeanor 287 revocation fee shall be apportioned, as provided by law, to the following funds in the fractional amounts 288 designated: 289 1. Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (.0342857);290 2. Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund (.0228572);291 3. Witness expenses/expert witness fund (.0228572); 292 4. Commonwealth's attorney fund (state share) (.0857143); 293 5. Commonwealth's attorney fund (local share) (.0857143); 294 6. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (.2285714); 295 7. Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy Fund (.0114285);296 8. Warrant fee, as prescribed by §17.1-272 (.1371428); and 297 9. Clerk of the circuit court (.3714286). 298 299 § 17.1-275.5. Amounts to be added; judgment in favor of the Commonwealth. 300 A. The clerk shall assess, in addition to the fixed felony fee, the fixed fee for felony reduced to 301 misdemeanor, or the fixed misdemeanor reduced from felony revocation fee, the fixed misdemeanor fee, 302 the fixed drug misdemeanor fee, or the fixed misdemeanor revocation fee as the case may be, the

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304 1. Any amount paid by the Commonwealth for legal representation of the defendant;

305 2. Any amount paid for trial transcripts;

- 306 3. Extradition costs; 307
 - 4. Costs of psychiatric evaluation;

308 5. Costs taxed against the defendant as appellant under Rule 5A:30 of the Rules of the Supreme 309 Court:

310 6. Any fee for a returned check or disallowed credit card charge assessed pursuant to § 17.1-275 A 311 28; 312

7. Any jury costs; and

8. Any assessment made pursuant to subdivision A. 10. of § 17.1-275 A 10; and

9. Blood withdrawal fees as prescribed in §§ 18.2-268.8 and 46.2-341.26:8.

B. The total amount of assessments described in subsection A of this section, including the fixed 315 316 felony fee, fixed fee for felony reduced to misdemeanor, fixed felony revocation fee, or fixed 317 misdemeanor reduced from felony revocation fee, the fixed misdemeanor fee, the fixed drug 318 misdemeanor fee, or the fixed misdemeanor revocation fee, as the case may be, and no other, shall be 319 forthwith docketed by the clerk as a judgment against the defendant in favor of the Commonwealth. 320

§ 17.1-275.6. Fees collected from court reporter fund.

321 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any court in which electronic devices are used for 322 recording testimony, a sum not to exceed twenty dollars for each day or part of a day of the trial shall 323 be paid by the clerk, from the court reporter fund as set forth in §§ 17.1-275.1, through 17.1-275.2 and 324 17.1-275.3, and a sum not to exceed five dollars for each day or part of a day of the trial of a misdemeanor case shall be paid by the clerk, from the court reporter fund as set forth in §§ 17.1-275.4, 325 17.1-275.8 and 17.1-275.9, into a special fund to be used for the purpose of repairing, replacing or 326 327 supplementing such electronic devices or, if a sufficient amount is available, to pay the purchase price 328 of such devices in whole or in part. For the purpose of this section, repairing shall include maintenance 329 and service contracts. Fees collected under this article shall be retained locally and shall not be subject 330 to the provisions of § 17.1-286. 331

§ 17.1-275.7. Fixed misdemeanor fee.

332 In circuit court, upon conviction of any and each misdemeanor charge, traffic infraction, or other 333 violation, not originally charged as a felony, or upon a deferred disposition of proceedings in the case 334 of any and each misdemeanor disposition deferred pursuant to the terms and conditions of 335 §§ 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.9, 18.2-57.3, 18.2-67.2:1, or 19.2-303.2, there shall be assessed as court costs a 336 fee of sixty-eight dollars, to be known as the fixed misdemeanor fee. This fee will be in addition to any 337 fee assessed in the district court.

338 The amount collected, in whole or in part, for the fixed misdemeanor fee shall be apportioned, as 339 provided by law, to the following funds in the fractional amounts designated:

- 340 1. Supervision fee (General Fund) (.0147059);
 - 2. Witness expenses/expert witness fee (General Fund) (.0294118);
- 3. Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (.0441176); 342
- 343 4. Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund (.0294118);
- 344 5. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (.2941176);
- 345 6. Commonwealth's Attorney Fund (state share) (.0367648);
- 346 7. Commonwealth's Attorney Fund (local share) (.0367648);
- 347 8. Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund (.0147058);
- 348 9. Warrant fee, as prescribed by § 17.1-272 (.1764705);
- 349 10. Courthouse Construction/Maintenance Fund (.0294118); and
- 350 11. Clerk of the circuit court (.2941176).
- § 17.1-275.8. Fixed drug misdemeanor fee. 351

352 In circuit court, upon conviction of any and each misdemeanor charge or other offense, whether or 353 not originally charged as a felony, for a violation of any provision of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of 354 Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, or upon a deferred disposition of proceedings in circuit court in the case of any and each misdemeanor disposition deferred pursuant to the terms and conditions of § 18.2-251, there 355 shall be assessed as court costs a fee of \$284.50, to be known as the fixed drug misdemeanor fee. This 356 357 fee will be in addition to any fee assessed in the district court.

358 The amount collected, in whole or in part, for the fixed drug misdemeanor fee shall be apportioned, 359 as provided by law, to the following funds in the fractional amounts designated:

- 1. Supervision fee (General Fund) (.1318101); 360
- 2. Court Reporter Fund (.0175747); 361
- 362 3. Witness expenses/expert witness fee (General Fund) (.0070299):
- 4. Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (.0070299); 363
- 364 5. Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund (.0105447);
- 365 6. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (.0702988);

- **366** 7. Commonwealth's Attorney Fund (state share) (.0087874);
- **367** 8. Commonwealth's Attorney Fund (local share) (.0087874);
- **368** 9. Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund (.0035149);
- **369** 10. Warrant fee, as prescribed by § 17.1-272 (.0421793);
- 370 11. Courthouse Construction/Maintenance Fund (.0070299);
- **371** *12. Clerk of the circuit court (.0702988);*
- **372** *13. Forensic laboratory fee (General Fund) (.3514938); and*
- **373** *14. Drug Offender Assessment Fund (.2636204).*
- **374** § 17.1-275.9. Fixed misdemeanor revocation fee.
- 375 In circuit court, when a person is convicted of a misdemeanor and subsequently suffers partial or 376 full revocation of his suspension of sentence or probation pursuant to § 19.2-306 he shall be assessed as 377 court costs a fee of sixty-five dollars to be known as the fixed misdemeanor revocation fee. A single 378 fixed misdemeanor revocation fee shall be assessed per defendant per hearing without regard to the 379 number of misdemeanor revocations being considered except that if a revocation of probation or 380 suspended sentence upon a felony conviction is also being considered at the same revocation 381 proceeding, a single fixed felony revocation fee shall apply instead. The amount collected, in whole or 382 in part, for the fixed misdemeanor revocation fee shall be apportioned, as provided by law, to the
- **383** following funds in the fractional amounts designated:
- **384** 1. Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund (.030770)
- **385** 2. Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund (.0461538);
- **386** *3.* Witness expenses/expert witness fee (General Fund) (.030769);
- **387** *4. Commonwealth's Attorney Fund (state share) (.0384614);*
- **388** 5. Commonwealth's Attorney Fund (local share) (.0384614);
- **389** 6. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (.3076923);
- **390** 7. Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy Fund (.0153846);
- **391** 8. Warrant fee, as prescribed by § 17.1-272 (.1846153); and
- **392** 9. Clerk of the circuit court (.3076922).
- **393** § 17.1-281. Assessment for courthouse construction, renovation or maintenance.

394 Any county or city, through its governing body, may assess a sum not in excess of two dollars as 395 part of the costs in (i) each civil action filed in the district or circuit courts located within its boundaries 396 and (ii) each criminal or traffic case in its district or circuit court in which the defendant is charged with 397 a violation of any statute or ordinance. The total assessments authorized by any county or city in a civil 398 action pursuant to this section and § 42.1-70 shall not exceed four dollars. If a town provides court 399 facilities for a county, the governing body of the county shall return to the town a portion of the 400 assessments collected based on the number of civil, criminal and traffic cases originating and heard in 401 the town.

402 The imposition of such assessment shall be by ordinance of the governing body which may provide 403 for different sums in circuit courts and district courts. The assessment shall be collected by the clerk of 404 the court in which the action is filed, remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate county or city and held 405 by such treasurer subject to disbursements by the governing body for the construction, renovation, or 406 maintenance of courthouse or jail and court-related facilities and to defray increases in the cost of 407 heating, cooling, electricity, and ordinary maintenance.

408 The assessment provided for herein shall be in addition to any other fees prescribed by law. The
409 assessment shall be required in each felony case, misdemeanor, traffic infraction, and other violation,
410 regardless of the existence of a local ordinance requiring its payment.

411 § 19.2-11.3. Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund.

412 There is hereby established the Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund as a special nonreverting fund to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services to support victim and witness 413 414 services that meet the minimum standards prescribed for such programs under § 19.2-11.1. Three dollars collected A portion of the sum collected pursuant to subdivisions A 10 and A 11 of § 17.1-275.8 17.1-275.1, 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3, 17.1-275.4, 17.1-275.7, 17.1-275.8, and 17.1-275.9 and 415 416 417 to subdivision A. 1. of § 16.1-69.48:1, as specified in these sections, shall be deposited into the state 418 treasury to the credit of this Fund. The Fund shall be distributed according to grant procedures adopted 419 pursuant to § 9-173.3 and shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Any funds remaining in 420 such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund, but shall remain in the Fund. 421 Interest earned on the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

422 § 19.2-303.4. Payment of costs when proceedings deferred and defendant placed on probation.

A circuit or district court, which has deferred further proceedings, without entering a judgment of guilt, and placed a defendant on probation subject to terms and conditions pursuant to §§ 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.9, 18.2-57.3, 18.2-61, 18.2-67.2, 18.2-67.2;1, 18.2-251 or § 19.2-303.2, may shall impose upon the defendant costs.

427 § 19.2-354. Authority of court to order payment of fine, costs, forfeitures, penalties or restitution in 428 installments or upon other terms and conditions; community work in lieu of payment.

429 A. Whenever (i) a defendant, convicted of a traffic infraction or a violation of any criminal law of 430 the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof, or found not innocent in the case of a 431 juvenile, is sentenced to pay a fine, restitution, forfeiture or penalty and (ii) the defendant is unable to 432 make payment of the fine, restitution, forfeiture, or penalty and costs within ten days of sentencing, the 433 court shall order the defendant to pay such fine, restitution, forfeiture or penalty and any costs which the defendant may be required to pay in deferred payments or installments. The court may authorize the 434 clerk to establish and approve the conditions of all deferred or installment payment agreements, pursuant 435 436 to guidelines established by the court. As a condition of every such agreement, a defendant who enters 437 into an installment or deferred payment agreement shall promptly inform the court of any change of 438 mailing address during the term of the agreement. If the defendant is unable to make payment within ten 439 days of sentencing, the court may assess a one-time fee not to exceed ten dollars to cover the costs of 440 management of the defendant's account until such account is paid in full. This one-time fee shall not 441 apply to cases in which costs are assessed pursuant to §§ 17.1-275.1, 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3 or 442 $\frac{17.1-275.4}{17.1-275.4}$. Installment or deferred payment agreements shall include terms for payment if the 443 defendant participates in a program as provided in subsection B or C. The court, if such sum or sums 444 are not paid in full by the date ordered, shall proceed in accordance with § 19.2-358.

445 B. When a person sentenced to the Department of Corrections or a local correctional facility owes 446 any fines, costs, forfeitures, restitution or penalties, he shall be required as a condition of participating in 447 any work release, home/electronic incarceration or nonconsecutive days program as set forth in 448 §§ 53.1-60, 53.1-131, 53.1-131.1 or § 53.1-131.2 to either make full payment or make payments in accordance with his installment or deferred payment agreement while participating in such program. If, 449 after the person has an installment or deferred payment agreement, the person fails to pay as ordered, 450 451 his participation in the program may be terminated until all fines, costs, forfeitures, restitution and penalties are satisfied. The Director of the Department of Corrections and any sheriff or other 452 administrative head of any local correctional facility shall withhold such ordered payments from any 453 454 amounts due to such person. Distribution of the money collected shall be made in the following order of 455 priority to:

1. Meet the obligation of any judicial or administrative order to provide support and such funds shall 456 457 be disbursed according to the terms of such order; 458

2. Pay any fines, restitution or costs as ordered by the court;

459 3. Pay travel and other such expenses made necessary by his work release employment or participation in an education or rehabilitative program, including the sums specified in § 53.1-150; and 460 461

4. Defray the offender's keep.

462 The balance shall be credited to the offender's account or sent to his family in an amount the 463 offender so chooses.

464 The Board of Corrections shall promulgate regulations governing the receipt of wages paid to 465 persons participating in such programs, the withholding of payments and the disbursement of appropriate 466 funds.

C. The court shall establish a program to provide an option to any person upon whom a fine and 467 468 costs have been imposed to discharge all or part of the fine or costs by earning credits for the 469 performance of community service work before or after imprisonment. The program shall specify the 470 rate at which credits are earned and provide for the manner of applying earned credits against the fine 471 or costs. The court shall have such other authority as is reasonably necessary for or incidental to 472 carrying out this program.

473 D. When the court has authorized deferred payment or installment payments, the clerk shall give 474 notice to the defendant that upon his failure to pay as ordered he may be fined or imprisoned pursuant 475 to § 19.2-358 and his privilege to operate a motor vehicle will be suspended pursuant to § 46.2-395.

476 E. The failure of the defendant to enter into a deferred payment or installment payment agreement 477 with the court or the failure of the defendant to make payments as ordered by the agreement shall allow the Tax Commissioner to act in accordance with § 19.2-349 to collect all fines, costs, forfeitures and 478 479 penalties. 480

§ 19.2-368.18. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

481 A. There is hereby created a special fund to be administered by the Comptroller, known as the 482 Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

483 B. Where any person is convicted, after July 1, 1996, by a court with criminal jurisdiction of (i) **484** treason or any other felony or (ii) any offense punishable as a misdemeanor under Title 18.2 or pursuant 485 to local ordinance substantially similar to a misdemeanor under Title 18.2, with the exception of a public drunkenness violation, a cost shall be imposed in addition to any other costs required to be 486 487 imposed by law. This additional cost shall be thirty dollars in any case under clause (i) and twenty 488 dollars in any case under clause (ii) of this subsection. Such additional sum Whenever the costs provided

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for in §§ 16.1-69.48:1, 17.1-275.1, 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3, 17.1-275.4, 17.1-275.7, 17.1-275.8, and
17.1-275.9 are assessed, a portion of the costs, as specified in those sections, shall be paid over to the
Comptroller to be deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Under no condition shall a
political subdivision be held liable for the payment of this sum.

493 C. No claim shall be accepted under the provisions of this chapter when the crime which that gave 494 rise to such claim occurred prior to July 1, 1977.

495 D. Sums available in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund shall be used for the purpose of
 496 payment of the costs and expenses necessary for the administration of this chapter and for the payment
 497 of claims pursuant to this chapter.

498 E. All revenues deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and appropriated for the purposes of this chapter, shall be immediately available for the payment of claims.

500 § 53.1-131.1. Provision for sentencing of person to nonconsecutive days in jail; payment to defray costs; penalty.

502 Any court having jurisdiction for the trial of a person charged with a misdemeanor or traffic offense 503 or charged with any offense under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et seq.) of Title 20 may, if the defendant is 504 convicted and sentenced to confinement in jail, impose the time to be served on weekends or 505 nonconsecutive days to permit the convicted defendant to retain gainful employment. A person sentenced 506 pursuant to this section shall be ordered to pay an amount ordered by the court to defray the cost of his 507 keep, which amount shall be the actual cost of incarceration but shall not exceed that amount charged to 508 the Compensation Board for purposes of reimbursement as provided in the general appropriation act. 509 Such amount shall be collected by the clerk of the court. If the defendant willfully fails to report at 510 times specified by the court, the sentence imposed pursuant to this section shall be revoked and a 511 straight jail sentence imposed.

512 The time served by a person sentenced for violation of state law in a local jail, regional jail, or local 513 jail farm pursuant to this section shall be included in the count of prisoner days reported by the 514 Department for the purpose of apportioning state funds to local correctional facilities for operating costs 515 in accordance with § 53.1-84.

§ 53.1-150. Contributions by persons on parole, probation, and work release.

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A. Any person convicted of a felony, multiple felonies or a combination of felonies and misdemeanors shall be required to pay, as part of the fixed felony fee who has costs assessed against him pursuant to §§ 16.1-69.48:1, 17.1-275.1, or the fixed fee for felony reduced to misdemeanor assessed pursuant to § 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3, 17.1-275.6, 17.1-275.7, or 17.1-275.8, shall be required to pay, as specified in those sections, a contribution towards the cost of his confinement, supervision or participation in a local community-based probation program or home/electronic incarceration program as a condition of his sentence.

Any person convicted of a misdemeanor or multiple misdemeanors and who is sentenced to incarceration in a local correctional facility, or who is granted suspension of sentence and probation by a court of competent jurisdiction, or who is participating in a local community-based probation program as provided in § 53.1-181, or who is participating in a home/electronic incarceration program as provided in § -53.1-131.2, shall be required to pay a fee of fifty dollars towards the cost of his confinement, supervision or participation as a condition of his sentence.

530 In the event of multiple convictions under any of the above provisions, the fees imposed herein shall 531 be assessed on a pro rata basis. Such fees shall be in addition to any other costs or fees provided by 532 law.

All fees assessed pursuant to this section for the cost of confinement, supervision or participation
shall be paid to the clerk of the sentencing court. All such funds collected pursuant to this section shall
be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.

536 B. The sentencing court may exempt a defendant from the requirements of subsection A on the 537 grounds of unreasonable hardship.

538 Any defendant who is exempted from the requirements of subsection A shall be required to perform
 539 community service as an alternative to the contribution toward the cost of his confinement, supervision
 540 or participation.

541 CB. Any person (i) who is granted parole or (ii) who participates in a work release program pursuant 542 to the provisions of §§ 53.1-60 and 53.1-131 shall be required to pay the *a* fee required in subsection A 543 of fifty dollars as a condition of parole or work release.

544 2. That §§ 17.1-277 and 18.2-264.01 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.