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**Committee Bill No. 119**

LCO No. 4251



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 Section 29-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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	July 1, 2021	29-11
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*