



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5413

LCO No. 2962



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT PROHIBITING A PARTY TO A CIVIL ACTION FROM ATTEMPTING TO RECOUP THE COSTS OF COURT-IMPOSED SERVICE FEES FROM AN OPPOSING PARTY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 51-193b of the 2022 supplement to the general
2 statutes, as amended by section 443 of public act 21-2 of the June special
3 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
4 (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

5 (a) Payment of any fees, costs, fines or other charges to the Judicial
6 Branch may be made by means of a credit card and the payor shall be
7 charged a service fee for any such payment made by means of a credit
8 card. The service fee shall not exceed any charge by the credit card
9 issuer, including any discount rate. Payments by credit card shall be
10 made at such time and under such conditions as the Office of the Chief
11 Court Administrator may prescribe, except that the Chief Court
12 Administrator shall determine the rate or amount of the service fee for
13 any such card in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j.

14 (b) No party to a civil action may recoup or attempt to recoup the cost

15 of any service fee incurred by the party pursuant to subsection (a) of this
16 section from an opposing party in such civil action.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	51-193b

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent a party to a civil action from recouping the costs of court-imposed service fees associated with the use of credit cards from an opposing party.

[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.]