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2 Representative Lefebvre of Newark moves that the bill be amended in

3 Sec. 3, 10 V.S.A. chapter 151, by inserting the following:

4 § 6094. ALLOCATION OF COSTS; DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND

5 WILDLIFE

6 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Fish and
7 Wildlife shall have the authority to bill the applicant for the costs of
8 participating in any major permit application before a District Commission,
9 including the costs of employee application review, submissions, comments,
10 and testimony before a District Commission related to impacts on wildlife,
11 necessary wildlife habitat, or connecting habitat. The Department may recover
12 those costs from the applicant after notice to the applicant, including an
13 estimate of the costs of the personnel or services.

14 (b) From time to time, the Department charging an applicant for personnel
15 of services under this section shall provide the applicant with detailed
16 statements showing the amount of money expended or contracted for in the
17 work of such personnel and services. All funds collected from applicants
18 under this section shall be paid directly to the Department.

19 (c) An applicant to which costs are allocated under this section may
20 petition the Natural Resources Board to review the costs allocated. The
21 Natural Resources Board shall conduct a hearing to determine the

- 1 reasonableness of the costs. The Board shall consider the size and complexity
- 2 of the project and may revise the cost allocations if determined unreasonable.