

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

August 12, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Wallace) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing police agencies to include administrative costs in fees for copies of police agency records

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-w
2 to read as follows:

3 § 837-w. Fees for copies of police agency records. 1. Fees generally.
4 Except as provided by law that no fee shall be charged, local police
5 agencies may charge a fee for searching the police agency records, copy-
6 ing the resulting documents, and preparing such documents for mailing as
7 provided in this section. Provided, however, that no fee shall be
8 charged to any public officer, board, body, agency, or department or
9 volunteer fire company, for searches or copies of documents to be used
10 for a public purpose. Provided further, however, that no fee shall be
11 charged to a victim of a crime, to an individual charged with a crime,
12 or such person's attorney where the searches or copies of documents are
13 related to the crime such person is a victim to or charged with.

14 2. Fees for searches of police agency records. (a) The fee for a
15 search which is made manually by the police agency shall be five dollars
16 per request.

17 (b) The fee for a search which is conducted by means of an electronic
18 medium shall be three dollars per request.

19 3. Fees for copies of documents and preparation for mailing. The fees
20 for copies of documents, other than accident reports, shall be one
21 dollar per page. A page shall consist of either a single or double-side
22 of any document. The fee for a copy of an accident report shall be
23 fifteen dollars. All copies of documents shall be certified at no addi-
24 tional fee. Whenever a search of records of the police agency is
25 required in conjunction with a copy of a document, the fee shall be the
26 fee for the search as provided in subdivision two of this section. The
27 result of such search will be the locating of the document, or if no

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 document can be located, a certification to that effect will be the
2 result of such search. The fee for the preparation for mailing, if
3 necessary, shall be two dollars per request.
4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
5 have become a law.