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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FEES PAYABLE TO A STATE MARSHAL AND EXTENDING PRIVACY PROTECTIONS TO A STATE MARSHAL RELATING TO THE NONDISCLOSURE OF THE MARSHAL'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

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

- Section 1. Section 52-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 52 261a, <u>as amended by this act</u>, each officer or person who serves process,
- 5 summons or attachments on behalf of: (1) An official of the state or any
- 6 of its agencies, boards or commissions, or any municipal official acting
- 7 in his or her official capacity, shall receive a fee of not more than [thirty]
- 8 <u>fifty</u> dollars for each process served and an additional fee of [thirty] <u>fifty</u>
- 9 dollars for the second and each subsequent service of such process,
- 10 except that such officer or person shall receive an additional fee of [ten]
- 11 <u>twenty</u> dollars for each subsequent service of such process at the same
- address or for notification of the office of the Attorney General in dissolution and postjudgment proceedings if a party or child is
- 14 receiving public assistance; and (2) any person, except a person

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15 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall receive a fee of not 16 more than [forty] fifty dollars for each process served and an additional 17 fee of [forty] fifty dollars for the second and each subsequent service of 18 such process, except that such officer or person shall receive an 19 additional fee of twenty dollars for each subsequent service of such 20 process at the same address or for notification of the office of the 21 Attorney General in dissolution and postjudgment proceedings if a 22 party or child is receiving public assistance. Each such officer or person 23 shall also receive the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel, to be computed from 24 25 the place where such officer or person received the process to the place 26 of service, and thence in the case of civil process to the place of return. 27 If more than one process is served on one person at one time by any such 28 officer or person, the total cost of travel for the service shall be the same 29 as for the service of one process only. Except, if an officer or person is 30 requested or required to effectuate in-hand personal service, including 31 service pursuant to subsection (h) of section 46b-15, such officer or 32 person may also receive the fee set by the Department of Administrative 33 Services for state employees for each mile of travel of each round trip 34 traveled while attempting to effectuate in-hand personal service, to be 35 computed from the place where the process was received to the place of attempted service and any subsequent return thereto, and thence in the 36 37 case of civil process to the place of return, provided that the officer or 38 person shall state in the return of service that in-hand personal service 39 was requested or required and that multiple trips were necessary to 40 effectuate in-hand personal service. The officer or person requesting the 41 receipt of such round trip travel shall make out a bill reciting the dates, 42 times and results of each trip the officer or person traveled while 43 attempting to effectuate in-hand personal service. Each officer or person 44 who serves process shall also receive the moneys actually paid for town 45 clerk's fees on the service of process. Each officer or person who serves 46 process shall also receive the moneys actually paid for fees for the 47 disclosure or search of records of the Department of Motor Vehicles in 48 connection with the service of process. Any officer or person required 49 to summon jurors by personal service of a warrant to attend court shall

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receive for the first ten miles of travel while so engaged, such mileage to be computed from the place where such officer or person receives the process to the place of service, twenty-five cents for each mile, and for each additional mile, ten cents. For summoning any juror to attend court otherwise than by personal service of the warrant, such officer or person shall receive only the sum of fifty cents and actual disbursements necessarily expended by such officer or person in making service thereof as directed. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for summoning grand jurors, such officer or person shall receive only such officer's or person's actual expenses and such reasonable sum for services as are taxed by the court. The following fees shall be allowed and paid: (A) For taking bail or bail bond, one dollar; (B) for copies of writs and complaints, exclusive of endorsements, one dollar per page, not to exceed a total amount of nine hundred dollars in any particular matter; (C) for endorsements, [forty] fifty cents per page or fraction thereof; (D) for service of a warrant for the seizure of intoxicating liquors, or for posting and leaving notices after the seizure, or for the destruction or delivery of any such liquors under order of court, twenty dollars; (E) for the removal and custody of such liquors so seized, reasonable expenses, and twenty dollars; (F) for the levy of an execution, when the money is actually collected and paid over, or the debt or a portion of the debt is secured by the officer, fifteen per cent on the amount of the execution, provided the minimum fee for such execution shall be [thirty] fifty dollars; (G) on the levy of an execution on real property and on application for sale of personal property attached, to each appraiser, for each half day of actual service, reasonable and customary expenses; (H) for causing an execution levied on real property to be recorded, fees for travel, twenty dollars and costs; (I) for services on an application for the sale of personal property attached, or in selling mortgaged property foreclosed under a decree of court, the same fees as for similar services on executions; (J) for committing any person to a community correctional center, in civil actions, [twenty-one cents a mile for travel] the fee set by the Department of Administrative <u>Services for state employees for each mile of travel</u>, from the place of the court to the community correctional center, in lieu of all other expenses;

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(K) for summoning and attending a jury for reassessing damages or benefits on a highway, three dollars a day; (L) for any recording for which the recording fee is not otherwise prescribed by law, [a reasonable fee] fifty dollars, costs and the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel; and (M) for postage or international mailing costs incurred pursuant to a court order, actual expenses. The court shall tax as costs a reasonable amount for the care of property held by any officer under attachment or execution. The officer serving any attachment or execution may claim compensation for time and expenses of any person, in keeping, securing or removing property taken thereon, provided such officer shall make out a bill. The bill shall specify the labor done, and by whom, the time spent, the travel, the money paid, if any, and to whom and for what. The compensation for the services shall be reasonable and customary and the amount of expenses and shall be taxed by the court with the costs.

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(b) Each officer or person shall receive the following fees: (1) For service and scheduling of an execution on a summary process judgment, [not more than fifty dollars] or a foreclosure ejectment, not more than one hundred dollars and the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel; [and] (2) for removal under section 47a-42, as amended by this act, of a defendant or other occupant bound by a summary process judgment, and the possessions and personal effects of such defendant or other occupant, not more than one hundred dollars per hour and the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel; (3) for removal and taking of an inventory of possessions and personal effects of a defendant or other occupant bound by a summary process judgment under section 47a-42a, not more than one hundred dollars per hour and the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel; and (4) for removal under section 49-22 of a defendant or other occupant bound by a foreclosure judgment, and the possessions and personal effects of such defendant or other occupant, not more than one hundred dollars per hour and the fee set by the Department of Administrative

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- 119 Services for state employees for each mile of travel. The officer or person
- 120 serving any execution of ejectment may claim compensation for time
- and expenses of any mover, locksmith or any other individual, in
- 122 <u>keeping, securing or removing property and the transportation</u>
- 123 <u>incidental to such execution of ejectment, provided such officer or</u>
- person shall make out a bill. The bill shall specify the labor done, and by
- whom, the time spent, the travel, the money paid, if any, and to whom
- 126 and for what.
- Sec. 2. Section 52-261a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):
- 129 (a) Any process served by any officer or person for the Judicial
- 130 Department or Division of Criminal Justice shall be served in
- accordance with the following schedule of fees:
- 132 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, each
- officer or person who serves process shall receive a fee of not more than
- 134 [thirty] <u>fifty</u> dollars for the service of such process on a person and an
- additional fee of [ten] fifty dollars for the service of such process on each
- additional person, except that such officer or person shall receive an
- 137 <u>additional fee of twenty dollars for each subsequent service of such</u>
- 138 process at the same address.
- 139 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in
- addition to the fee set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, each
- officer or person who serves process shall receive, for each mile of travel,
- the same amount per mile as provided for state employees pursuant to
- section 5-141c, to be computed from the place where such officer or
- person received the process to the place of service, and thence in the case
- of civil process to the place of return, provided, if more than one process
- is served on one person at one time by any such officer or person, the
- total cost of travel for such service shall be the same as for the service of
- one process only, except that in the case in which an officer or person is
- 149 requested or required to effectuate in-hand personal service, such officer
- 150 may also receive the fee set by the Department of Administrative

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Services for state employees for each mile of travel for each round trip traveled while attempting to effectuate in-hand personal service, to be computed from the place where the process was received to the place of attempted service and any subsequent return thereto, and thence in the case of civil process to the place of return, provided that the officer or person shall state in the return of service that in-hand personal service was requested or required and that multiple trips were necessary to effectuate in-hand personal service. The officer or person requesting the receipt of such round trip travel shall make out a bill reciting the dates, times and results of each trip the officer or person traveled while attempting to effectuate in-hand personal service.

- (3) Each officer or person who serves process to enforce the obligation of an attorney pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 51-81d shall receive [twenty cents for each mile of travel] the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel, to be computed from the place where such officer or person received the process to the place of service, and thence to the place of return. If more than one process is served on one person at one time by any such officer or person, the total cost of travel for the service shall be the same as for the service of one process only.
- 171 (4) Each officer or person who serves process shall also receive the 172 moneys actually paid for town clerk's fees on the service of process.
 - (5) Each officer or person who serves process shall also receive the moneys actually paid for fees for the disclosure or search of records of the Department of Motor Vehicles in connection with the service of process.
 - (6) Any officer or person required to summon jurors by personal service of a warrant to attend court shall receive for the first ten miles of travel while so engaged, such mileage to be computed from the place where such officer or person receives the process to the place of service, twenty-five cents for each mile, and for each additional mile, ten cents.
- 182 (7) For summoning any juror to attend court otherwise than by

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personal service of the warrant, such officer or person shall receive only the sum of fifty cents and actual disbursements necessarily expended by such officer or person in making service thereof as directed.

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- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for summoning grand jurors, such officer or person shall receive only such officer's or person's actual expenses and such reasonable sum for services as are taxed by the court.
- (c) The following fees shall be allowed and paid: (1) For taking bail or bail bond, one dollar; (2) for copies of writs and complaints, exclusive of endorsements, [sixty cents] one dollar per page; (3) for endorsements, [forty] fifty cents per page or fraction thereof; (4) for service of a warrant for the seizure of intoxicating liquors, or for posting and leaving notices after the seizure, or for the destruction or delivery of any such liquors under order of court, one dollar; (5) for the removal and custody of such liquors so seized, reasonable expenses and one dollar; (6) for levying an execution, when the money is actually collected and paid over, or the debt secured by the officer to the acceptance of the creditor, [three] fifteen per cent on the amount of the execution; (7) on the levy of an execution on real property and on application for sale of personal property attached, to each appraiser, for each half day of actual service, two dollars, to surveyors when necessarily employed, four dollars per day and to each chain bearer necessarily employed, two dollars per day, which sums, with those paid to the town clerk, shall be, by the officer levying the execution, endorsed thereon, together with such officer's own fees; (8) for causing an execution levied on real property to be recorded, fees for travel and fifty [cents] dollars; (9) for services on an application for the sale of personal property attached, or in selling mortgaged property foreclosed under a decree of court, the same fees as for similar services on executions; (10) for committing any person to a community correctional center, in civil actions, [twenty cents a mile for travel] the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel, from the place of the court to the community correctional center, in lieu of all other expenses; [and] (11) for summoning and attending a jury for reassessing damages or benefits

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on a highway, three dollars a day; and (12) for any recording for which the recording fee is not otherwise prescribed by law, fifty dollars, costs and the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each mile of travel.

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- (d) The court shall tax as costs a reasonable amount for the care of property held by any officer under attachment or execution. The officer serving any attachment or execution may claim compensation for time and expenses of any person, in keeping, securing or removing property taken thereon, provided such officer shall make out a bill. The bill shall specify the labor done and by whom, the time spent, the travel, the money paid, if any, and to whom and for what. The compensation for the services shall be fixed on the basis of two dollars per hour and the amount of expenses and shall be taxed by the court with the costs.
- (e) The following fees shall be allowed and paid, except to state employees in the classified service: (1) For each arrest in criminal cases, one dollar and fifty cents; (2) for any necessary assistants in making criminal arrests, a reasonable sum, the necessity of such assistance to be proved by the oath of the officer; (3) for travel with a prisoner to court or to a community correctional center, forty cents a mile, provided (A) if more than one prisoner is transported at the same time, the total cost of travel shall be forty cents per mile for each prisoner transported up to a maximum of two dollars per mile, regardless of the number of prisoners transported, and (B) if a prisoner is transported for commitment on more than one mittimus, the total cost of travel shall be the same as for the transportation of one prisoner committed on one mittimus only; (4) for holding a prisoner in custody upon criminal process for each twelve hours or fraction thereof, to be taxed as expenses in the case, one dollar; (5) for holding a prisoner in custody by order of court, one dollar a day; (6) for keepers, for every twelve hours, in lieu of all other expenses, except in special cases to be approved by the court, five dollars; (7) for executing a mittimus of commitment to the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Somers, for each prisoner, one dollar and fifty cents; (8) for transporting any prisoner from a community correctional center to the Connecticut Correctional

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251 Institution, Somers, or for transporting any person under commitment 252 from a community correctional center to the John R. Manson Youth 253 Institution, Cheshire, twenty-five cents a mile, to be taxed as expenses, 254 provided, if more than one prisoner or person is transported, the total 255 cost of travel shall be twenty-five cents per mile for each prisoner or 256 person transported up to a maximum of one dollar per mile, regardless 257 of the number of prisoners or persons transported; (9) for taking 258 samples to a state chemist by order of court, two dollars, and for each 259 mile of travel in going and returning, ten cents; and (10) for producing 260 any prisoner, held by criminal process, in court or before a judge under 261 habeas corpus proceedings, twenty-five cents a mile travel and two 262 dollars and fifty cents a day for attendance, to be taxed and allowed by 263 the court or judge.

- Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 52-356a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2022):
- 267 (d) All amounts received from the sale, and all other money received, 268 shall be distributed subject to the supervision of the court according to 269 the following priorities: (1) To all reasonable and necessary costs of sale; 270 (2) to other legal costs of levy including the levying officer's fees of [five] 271 <u>fifteen</u> per cent of the amount realized; (3) to payment of the judgment 272 creditor pursuant to the judgment under which the sale was held or the 273 money received; (4) to payment of any subordinate secured parties or 274 lienors who make a written demand to the levying officer prior to the 275 sale, according to their respective interests, and to any other judgment 276 creditors presenting an execution to the levying officer, in the order of 277 presentation; and (5) to payment to the judgment debtor.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 47a-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2022):

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(c) Whenever the possessions and personal effects of a defendant are removed by a state marshal under this section, such possessions and

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effects shall be delivered by such marshal to the designated place of storage. The plaintiff shall pay the state marshal for such removal in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 52-261, as amended by this act. Such removal [, delivery and storage] and delivery shall be at the expense of the defendant and may be recovered by the plaintiff. If such possessions and effects are not reclaimed by the defendant and the expense of such storage is not paid to the chief executive officer within fifteen days after such eviction, the chief executive officer shall sell the same at public auction, after using reasonable efforts to locate and notify the defendant of such sale and after posting notice of such sale for one week on the public signpost nearest to the place where the eviction was made, if any, or at some exterior place near the office of the town clerk. The chief executive officer shall deliver to the defendant the net proceeds of such sale, if any, after deducting a reasonable charge for storage of such possessions and effects. If the defendant does not demand the net proceeds within thirty days after such sale, the chief executive officer shall turn over the net proceeds of the sale to the town treasury.

Sec. 5. Subsection (e) of section 14-10 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(e) In the event (1) a federal court judge, federal court magistrate or judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, (2) a police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or a member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (3) an employee of the Department of Correction, (4) an attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in a criminal prosecution, (5) a member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, (6) a judicial branch employee regularly engaged in court-ordered enforcement or investigatory activities, (7) an inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice, (8) a federal law enforcement officer who works and resides in this state, (9) a state referee under section 52-434, [or] (10) a lake patrolman appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7-151b engaged in boating law

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- 317 enforcement, or (11) a state marshal, submits a written request and
- 318 furnishes such individual's business address to the commissioner, such
- 319 business address only shall be disclosed or available for public
- inspection to the extent authorized by this section.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 1-217 of the general statutes is
- 322 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
- 323 2022):
- 324 (a) No public agency may disclose, under the Freedom of Information
- 325 Act, from its personnel, medical or similar files, the residential address
- of any of the following persons employed by such public agency:
- 327 (1) A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the
- 328 Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or
- 329 family support magistrate;
- 330 (2) A sworn member of a municipal police department, a sworn
- 331 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
- Emergency Services and Public Protection or a sworn law enforcement
- officer within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;
- 334 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;
- 335 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in
- 336 a criminal prosecution;
- 337 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Division
- of Public Defender Services or a social worker who is employed by the
- 339 Division of Public Defender Services;
- 340 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;
- 341 (7) A firefighter;
- 342 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;
- (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;

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- 344 (10) An employee of the judicial branch;
- (11) An employee of the Department of Mental Health and AddictionServices who provides direct care to patients; [or]
- 347 (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights 348 and Opportunities; or
- (13) A state marshal appointed by the State Marshal Commission
 pursuant to section 6-38b.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	52-261
Sec. 2	October 1, 2022	52-261a
Sec. 3	October 1, 2022	52-356a(d)
Sec. 4	October 1, 2022	47a-42(c)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2022	14-10(e)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2022	1-217(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Provide increases in certain fees payable to a state marshal, and (2) extend statutory privacy protections to a state marshal relating to the nondisclosure of the marshal's residential address.

[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.]

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