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certification program and hiring of program staff. Total fees due for each year shall be submitted with the self-certification declaration form required under subparagraph (a).

175 Public Health; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund Fees.
Amend RSA 147-B:8, I to read as follows:

I. Each hazardous waste generator that generates in a 3-month period 660 pounds or more of unrecycled hazardous waste shall pay a quarterly fee of [~~\$0.06~~] **\$0.12** per pound or a minimum of \$100, to the department.

176 Public Health; Solid Waste Management Fund. RSA 149-R:4-6 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund.

I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities, including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in accordance with paragraphs II and III.

II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality associated with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset consistent with this chapter.

III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire political subdivisions, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated, significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes, including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.

IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.

V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money, grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8

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1 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste
2 management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.

3 149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.

4 I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill,
5 incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of \$3.50 per ton.
6 Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover at landfills shall not be subject to the
7 surcharge.

8 II. Such surcharge shall be paid by the customer of a facility that holds a permit issued
9 pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. This
10 surcharge will be paid by the customer in addition to any other disposal tipping fee collected by the
11 disposal facility, and such disposal facility shall remit the surcharge quarterly to the department on
12 forms and with supporting documentation as provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA
13 149-R:6, I, II, and III.

14 III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April
15 30, 2026, and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.

16 IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.

17 V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of
18 interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive all
19 or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under this
20 section into the fund.

21 149-R:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules, after public hearing and pursuant to
22 RSA 541-A, relative to:

23 I. The time, amount, and manner of payment of solid waste disposal surcharges.

24 II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid
25 waste disposed.

26 III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit
27 holders.

28 IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant
29 to RSA 149-R:4, II.

30 V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments
31 pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

32 VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.

33 VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5,

34 V.

35 149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.

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I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. Each day a surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.

II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the superior court upon application of the attorney general.

III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund.

149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management fund.

177 Certified Hazardous Waste Coordinator Program. Amend RSA 147-A:5, III(b) to read as follows:

(b) Each application for initial or renewal of a hazardous waste coordinators certification shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of [~~\$125~~] **\$225** per year to cover department expenses for conducting the certification program.

178 Boat Fee Decals. Amend RSA 270-E:5-a, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) [~~\$9.50~~] **\$12.50** for each decal specified in paragraph I. The fees collected under this subparagraph shall be paid into the lake restoration and preservation fund established under RSA 487:25.

179 Per Diem; Public Employee Labor Relations Board. Amend RSA 273-A:2, VII to read as follows:

VII. The members of the public employee labor relations board shall be paid [~~\$50~~] **\$250** a day and their necessary expenses while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.

180 Court Fees and Fines; Equitable Fee Schedule; Credit Card Service Charge. Amend RSA 490:26-a to read as follows:

490:26-a Court Fees and Fines; Credit Card Payments.

I. The supreme court shall establish by rule an equitable fee schedule for all courts in the state.

II. [~~(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b), a \$25 surcharge shall be added to each civil filing fee for all courts. This surcharge shall be deposited in the general fund.~~

~~(b) The following shall be exempt from the surcharge under subparagraph (a):~~

~~(1) Actions relating to children under RSA 169-B, RSA 169-C, and RSA 169-D.~~

~~(2) Domestic violence actions under RSA 173-B.~~

~~(3) Small claims actions under RSA 503.~~

~~(4) Landlord/tenant actions under RSA 540, RSA 540-A, RSA 540-B, and RSA 540-C.~~

~~(5) Stalking actions under RSA 633:3-a~~