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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to filings with the Department of State; amending s. 15.16, F.S.; authorizing 3 4 the department to discount a filing fee in an 5 amount equal to the convenience charge imposed 6 for an electronic record filing by way of a 7 contractor; amending s. 607.193, F.S.; waiving the charge for late filings of supplemental 8 9 corporate fees when the business entity did not receive the uniform business report prescribed 10 by the department; providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 15 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 15.16, Florida 16 Statutes, is amended to read: 15.16 Reproduction of records; admissibility in 17 evidence; electronic receipt and transmission of records; 18 19 certification; acknowledgment. --20 (6) The Department of State may use government or 21 private sector contractors in the promotion or provision of 22 any electronic filing services and may discount the filing fee in an amount equal to the convenience charge for such 23 electronic filings. 24 25 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 607.193, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 26 27 607.193 Supplemental corporate fee.--28 (2)In addition to the fees levied under ss. 607.0122, 29 30 608.452, and 620.182 and the supplemental corporate fee, a 31 | late charge of \$400 shall be imposed if the supplemental

corporate fee is remitted after May 1 unless the business entity did not receive the uniform business report prescribed by the department. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001. SENATE SUMMARY Authorizes the Department of State to discount the filing fee, when a record is electronically filed through a contractor that imposes a convenience charge for that service, in an amount equal to the convenience charge. Waives the charge for late submission of a supplemental corporate fee when the business entity did not receive the uniform business report prescribed by the department.