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**TO:** RECORDING PUBLIC

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## MANDATED FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2009

On October 9, 2009, Governor Rendell signed into law House Bill 1607 that amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedures) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

H.B. 1607 puts in place an additional \$13.50 fee to be added to all documents that currently are assessed an Access to Justice (Judicial Computer System) fee. **The \$13.50 fee increase is specifically designated to fund Constable training and to provide for the salaries of full-time District Attorneys.** 

Therefore, effective December 8, 2009 the new JCS fee will be \$23.50 on all documents covered under the original law.

Please understand that since H.B. 1607 became law, Recorder of Deeds across the Commonwealth are required to collect this additional fee and all money collected will be forwarded to the AOPC controlled Access to Justice account along with the previous \$10.00 fee that we have been collecting.

If you would like to review the entire text of H.B. 1607 it can be viewed at www.legis.state.pa.us

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.