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SENATE BILL 25-079

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

House Committees

Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE "COLORADO VENDING OF DIGITAL ASSETS ACT".

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill enacts the "Colorado Vending of Digital Assets Act", which requires an owner or operator of a virtual currency kiosk to:

- Provide certain disclosures to customers of the virtual currency kiosk;
- Provide each customer with a printed and an electronic receipt detailing the customer's virtual currency transaction; and
- Fully refund a customer's first virtual currency transaction

if the virtual currency transaction is to a virtual currency wallet or exchange located outside of the United States and is determined by law enforcement to be fraudulent.

The bill establishes a daily transaction limit of \$1,000 for a customer of a virtual currency kiosk.

The bill defines "virtual currency" as a type of digital unit that is used as a medium of exchange or a form of digitally stored value or that is incorporated into payment system technology. "Virtual currency kiosk" is defined as an electronic terminal acting as a mechanical agent of the owner or operator to enable the owner or operator to facilitate the exchange of virtual currency for other virtual currency or fiat currency.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: |
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| 2 | SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add article 112 to |
| 3 | title 11 as follows: |
| 4 | ARTICLE 112 |
| 5 | Colorado Vending of Digital Assets |
| 6 | 11-112-101. Short title. The short title of this article 112 is |
| 7 | THE "COLORADO VENDING OF DIGITAL ASSETS ACT". |
| 8 | 11-112-102. Definitions. As used in this article 112, unless |
| 9 | THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES: |
| 10 | (1) "BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN |
| 11 | SECTION 24-36-121.5 (2)(a). |
| 12 | (2) (a) "NEW CUSTOMER" MEANS A CUSTOMER TRANSACTING AT |
| 13 | A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK IN COLORADO WHO HAS BEEN A CUSTOMER |
| 14 | OF AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK FOR LESS |
| 15 | THAN SEVEN DAYS. |
| 16 | (b) SEVEN DAYS AFTER A CUSTOMER FIRST TRANSACTS WITH AN |
| 17 | OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK, THE CUSTOMER IS |
| 18 | CONSIDERED AN EXISTING CUSTOMER AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE NEW |
| 19 | CUSTOMER TRANSACTION LIMIT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 11-112-103 (6). |

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| 1 | (3) "I RANSACTION HASH" MEANS A UNIQUE IDENTIFIER MADE UP |
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| 2 | OF A STRING OF CHARACTERS THAT ACTS AS A RECORD AND PROVIDES |
| 3 | PROOF THAT A TRANSACTION WAS VERIFIED AND ADDED TO BLOCKCHAIN |
| 4 | TECHNOLOGY. |
| 5 | $\underline{(4)}$ (a) "Virtual currency" means a type of digital unit |
| 6 | THAT IS USED AS A MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE OR A FORM OF DIGITALLY |
| 7 | STORED VALUE OR THAT IS INCORPORATED INTO PAYMENT SYSTEM |
| 8 | TECHNOLOGY. |
| 9 | (b) "VIRTUAL CURRENCY" INCLUDES DIGITAL UNITS THAT: |
| 10 | (I) HAVE A CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY OR ADMINISTRATOR; |
| 11 | (II) ARE DECENTRALIZED AND HAVE NO CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY |
| 12 | OR ADMINISTRATOR; OR |
| 13 | (III) MAY BE CREATED OR OBTAINED BY COMPUTING OR |
| 14 | MANUFACTURING EFFORT. |
| 15 | (c) "VIRTUAL CURRENCY" DOES NOT INCLUDE DIGITAL UNITS THAT: |
| 16 | (I) ARE USED SOLELY WITHIN ONLINE GAMING PLATFORMS, WITH |
| 17 | NO MARKET OR APPLICATION OUTSIDE THE GAMING PLATFORMS; |
| 18 | (II) ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY AS PART OF A CONSUMER AFFINITY OR |
| 19 | REWARDS PROGRAM AND CAN BE APPLIED AS PAYMENT FOR PURCHASES |
| 20 | WITH THE ISSUER OR OTHER DESIGNATED MERCHANTS BUT CANNOT BE |
| 21 | CONVERTED INTO OR REDEEMED FOR FIAT <u>CURRENCY</u> ; <u>OR</u> |
| 22 | (III) ARE USED AS PART OF A CONSUMER AFFINITY OR REWARDS |
| 23 | PROGRAM OFFERED THROUGH AN INSTITUTION THAT IS INSURED BY THE |
| 24 | FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR THE NATIONAL CREDIT |
| 25 | UNION ADMINISTRATION. |
| 26 | (5) "VIRTUAL CURRENCY ADDRESS" MEANS AN ALPHANUMERIC |
| 27 | IDENTIFIED DEDDESENTING A DESTINATION FOR A VIDITIAL CURRENCY |

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| 1 | TRANSFER THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A VIRTUAL CURRENCY WALLET. |
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| 2 | (6) "VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK" MEANS AN ELECTRONIC |
| 3 | TERMINAL ACTING AS A MECHANICAL AGENT OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR |
| 4 | TO ENABLE THE OWNER OR OPERATOR TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF |
| 5 | VIRTUAL CURRENCY FOR OTHER VIRTUAL CURRENCY OR FIAT CURRENCY, |
| 6 | INCLUDING BY: |
| 7 | (a) CONNECTING TO A SEPARATE VIRTUAL CURRENCY EXCHANGER |
| 8 | THAT PERFORMS THE ACTUAL VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSMISSION; OR |
| 9 | (b) DRAWING UPON THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY IN THE POSSESSION |
| 10 | OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE ELECTRONIC TERMINAL. |
| 11 | (7) "VIRTUAL CURRENCY WALLET" MEANS A SOFTWARE |
| 12 | APPLICATION OR OTHER MECHANISM PROVIDING A MEANS FOR HOLDING, |
| 13 | STORING, AND TRANSFERRING VIRTUAL CURRENCY. |
| 14 | 11-112-103. Virtual currency kiosks - disclosures - receipts - |
| 15 | daily limit - cancellation and refund. (1) Before entering into a |
| 16 | VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION FOR, ON BEHALF OF, OR WITH A |
| 17 | CUSTOMER, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK |
| 18 | SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE CUSTOMER IN CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS WRITING |
| 19 | IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ALL MATERIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH |
| 20 | VIRTUAL CURRENCY. THE DISCLOSURES MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE |
| 21 | SCREEN OF THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK WITH THE ABILITY FOR A |
| 22 | CUSTOMER TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE DISCLOSURES. THE |
| 23 | DISCLOSURES MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING <u>STATEMENT:</u> |
| 24 | WARNING: THIS TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED TO |
| 25 | DEFRAUD YOU. IF YOU HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO THIS |
| 26 | MACHINE BY SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE A GOVERNMENT |
| 2.7 | AGENT, BILL COLLECTOR, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. |

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| TRANSACTION IMMEDIATELY AND CONTACT YOUR |
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| FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. |
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| (2) When opening an account for a customer, the owner or |
| OPERATOR OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE |
| CUSTOMER IN CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS WRITING IN THE ENGLISH |
| LANGUAGE ALL RELEVANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE |
| PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR AND |
| VIRTUAL CURRENCY GENERALLY, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: |
| (a) The customer's liability for unauthorized virtual |
| CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS; |
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| (b) Under which circumstances the owner or operator |
| WILL, ABSENT A COURT OR GOVERNMENT ORDER, DISCLOSE INFORMATION |
| CONCERNING THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT TO THIRD PARTIES; |
| (c) The customer's right to receive periodic account |
| STATEMENTS AND VALUATIONS FROM THE OWNER OR OPERATOR; |
| (d) The customer's right to receive a receipt, a trade |
| TICKET, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION; AND |
| (e) THE CUSTOMER'S RIGHT TO PRIOR NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN THE |
| RULES OR POLICIES OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR. |
| (3) Prior to a transaction in virtual currency for, on |
| BEHALF OF, OR WITH A CUSTOMER, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A |
| VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE CUSTOMER IN CLEAR |
| AND CONSPICUOUS WRITING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE THE TERMS AND |
| CONDITIONS OF THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION, INCLUDING THE |

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| 1 | FOLLOWING: |
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| 2 | (a) THE AMOUNT OF THE TRANSACTION; |
| 3 | (b) The fees, expenses, and charges borne by the customer, |
| 4 | INCLUDING APPLICABLE EXCHANGE RATES; |
| 5 | (c) THE TYPE AND NATURE OF THE TRANSACTION; |
| 6 | (d) A WARNING THAT, ONCE COMPLETED, THE TRANSACTION IS |
| 7 | IRREVERSIBLE, IF APPLICABLE; |
| 8 | (e) The difference in the virtual currency's sale price |
| 9 | VERSUS THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE; AND |
| 10 | (f) Other disclosures that are customarily given in |
| 11 | CONNECTION WITH A VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION. |
| 12 | (4) The owner or operator of a virtual currency kiosk |
| 13 | SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF ALL |
| 14 | DISCLOSURES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION. |
| 15 | (5) Upon the completion of a virtual currency |
| 16 | TRANSACTION, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK |
| 17 | SHALL PROVIDE TO THE CUSTOMER AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT |
| 18 | CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: |
| 19 | (a) THE NAME OF AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE OWNER OR |
| 20 | OPERATOR, INCLUDING A TELEPHONE NUMBER ESTABLISHED BY THE |
| 21 | OWNER OR OPERATOR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND REGISTER COMPLAINTS; |
| 22 | (b) THE TYPE, VALUE, DATE, AND PRECISE TIME OF THE VIRTUAL |
| 23 | CURRENCY TRANSACTION, THE TRANSACTION HASH, AND EACH VIRTUAL |
| 24 | CURRENCY ADDRESS; |
| 25 | (c) The fee charged; |
| 26 | (d) THE EXCHANGE RATE, IF APPLICABLE; |
| 27 | (e) A STATEMENT OF THE LIABILITY OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR |

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| 2 | THE CUSTOMER EXCHANGED VIRTUAL CURRENCY; AND |
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| 3 | (f) A STATEMENT OF THE REFUND POLICY OF THE OWNER OR |
| 4 | OPERATOR. |
| 5 | (6) FOR A NEW CUSTOMER, THE MAXIMUM DAILY TRANSACTION |
| 6 | LIMIT OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK IS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER |
| 7 | CUSTOMER. |
| 8 | (7) (a) The owner or operator of a virtual currency kiosk |
| 9 | SHALL, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR, ALLOW A |
| 10 | CUSTOMER TO CANCEL AND RECEIVE A FULL REFUND FOR A VIRTUAL |
| 11 | CURRENCY TRANSACTION IF: |
| 12 | (I) THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS THE CUSTOMER'S |
| 13 | FIRST VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION; |
| 14 | (II) THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS TO A VIRTUAL |
| 15 | CURRENCY WALLET OR EXCHANGE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED |
| 16 | STATES; AND |
| 17 | (III) LAW ENFORCEMENT DETERMINES THAT THE VIRTUAL |
| 18 | CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS FRAUDULENT. |
| 19 | (b) If the conditions of subsection (7)(a) of this section are |
| 20 | MET, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR SHALL ISSUE A FULL REFUND WITHIN |
| 21 | SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER BEING NOTIFIED THAT THE VIRTUAL |
| 22 | CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS FRAUDULENT. |
| 23 | SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act |
| 24 | takes effect January 1, 2026; except that, if a referendum petition is filed |
| 25 | pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this |
| 26 | act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period |
| 27 | after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, |
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- section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
- 2 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
- 3 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
- 4 governor.

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