

Chapter 513

(Senate Bill 662)

AN ACT concerning

**Financial Institutions – Payment Stablecoin Services – Establishment and
Regulation
(Maryland Stablecoin Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering the examination fee for a new commercial bank charter; requiring a certain nondepository trust company to include certain disclosures in its articles of incorporation; exempting from certain provisions of law a certain nondepository trust company authorized to provide certain services by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; authorizing a certain nondepository trust company to request that the Commissioner reduce the capital stock requirements under certain circumstances; establishing a regulatory and legal framework for entities in the State to serve as State issuers of stablecoin-related services or as payment stablecoin services institutions; and generally relating to payment stablecoin services in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Financial Institutions

Section 2–105.1(c)(1), 2–108(a)(1), 2–113(d), 3–101, 3–102, 3–202, 3–206, 3–207,
3–209, 3–211.1(b), 5–203(c), 6–101, and 6–312

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BY adding to

Article – Financial Institutions

Section 14–101 through 14–603 to be under the new title “Title 14. Maryland
Stablecoin Act”

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Financial Institutions

2–105.1.

(c) (1) The Commissioner may participate in NMLS for:

(i) Collection agencies;

(ii) Debt management services providers;

- (iii) Mortgage lenders;
- (iv) Mortgage originators;
- (v) Persons who engage in money transmission;
- (vi) Persons who are required to be licensed under Title 11, Subtitle 2 of this article;
- (vii) Persons who are required to be licensed under Title 11, Subtitle 3 of this article;
- (viii) Persons who are required to be licensed under Title 12, Subtitle 1 of this article;
- (ix) Persons who are required to be licensed under Title 14, Subtitle 19 of the Commercial Law Article;
- (x) Sales finance companies; **[and]**
- (xi) Consumer reporting agencies; **AND**

(XII) PERSONS WHO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE.

2-108.

(a) The Commissioner shall charge and collect, in advance, the following nonrefundable fees:

- (1) An examination fee for a new commercial bank charter under § 3-203 of this article..... **[\$15,000] \$7,000**

2-113.

(d) Except as provided in §§ 2-113.1 and 2-117 of this subtitle **AND § 14-601 OF THIS ARTICLE**, the provisions of §§ 2-114 through 2-117, inclusive, of this subtitle do not apply to:

- (1) Any bank, trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State or the United States that maintains its principal office in this State;

(2) Any out-of-state bank, as defined in § 5-1001 of this article, having a branch that accepts deposits in this State;

(3) Any institution incorporated under federal law as a savings association or savings bank that does not maintain its principal office in this State but has a branch that accepts deposits in this State; or

(4) An affiliate of an institution described in item (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection over which the Commissioner has no jurisdiction.

3-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Capital stock” includes both common and preferred stock of a commercial bank.

(c) “Debt instrument” means any capital note, debenture, bond, or certificate of beneficial interest issued by a commercial bank.

(d) “Inhabitants” means the population of a municipal area, as determined by the latest federal or State census.

(e) “Nondepository trust company” means a trust company that is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(F) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(G) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(H) “PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(f)] (I) “State bank” means an institution that is incorporated under the laws of this State as a bank.

(J) “STATE ISSUER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(g)] (K) “Trust company” means an institution that is incorporated under the laws of this State as a trust company.

3-102.

(A) [Every] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, EVERY trust company has the powers granted by, and is subject to, the provisions of this article that relate to trust companies. **[However, except]**

(B) EXCEPT as provided in § 3–209(b) of this title as to the establishment of branches, the provisions of this article do not repeal, modify, or affect any special right, privilege, or power given by charter to a trust company that was organized and doing business before April 8, 1910.

(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL GRANT A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY THE POWER TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3–202.

(a) The incorporators shall sign and acknowledge two copies of articles of incorporation.

(b) The articles of incorporation shall include:

(1) The name and address of each incorporator;

(2) A statement that:

(i) Each incorporator is at least 18 years old;

(ii) Each incorporator is a citizen of the United States; and

(iii) At least one of the incorporators is a citizen of this State;

(3) A statement that the incorporators are associating to form a State bank or a trust company under this subtitle;

(4) The name of the State bank or trust company, which may not be similar in any material respect to the name of any other bank or trust company in this State;

(5) The municipal area and county where the principal banking office of the State bank or trust company is to be located;

(6) The number of directors and the names and residence addresses of those who will serve as directors until their successors are elected and qualify; **[and]**

(7) As to its capital stock:

- (i) The total number of shares that the State bank or trust company has authority to issue;
- (ii) The par value of the shares, which may not be less than \$10 a share; and
- (iii) The total par value of all shares; **AND**

(8) FOR A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY THAT INTENDS TO SEEK THE COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE:

(I) A DISCLOSURE THAT THE NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY WILL SEEK THE REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER; AND

(II) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OR REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(c) The articles of incorporation may include:

(1) Any provision that requires for any purpose the concurrence of a greater proportion of the votes of all classes or of any class of capital stock than the proportion required by this article for that purpose; and

(2) Any provision that defines, limits, or denies the preemptive rights of stockholders to acquire additional stock of the State bank or trust company.

3–206.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a commercial bank has all of the general powers granted to Maryland corporations under the Maryland General Corporation Law.

(b) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this article, a commercial bank may:

- (1) Receive deposits of money on which interest may be paid;
- (2) Buy and sell coin and bullion;
- (3) Buy and sell foreign and domestic exchange;
- (4) Subject to § 3–604 of this title, accept drafts drawn on it;

(5) Issue letters of credit that authorize the holder to draw drafts on it or on its correspondents payable at sight or at a time not exceeding 1 year;

(6) Issue its debt instruments for money that is borrowed or received on deposit or for investment;

(7) Lend money on personal security or on real or personal property;

(8) Subject to § 3–605 of this title, become owner and lessor of personal property;

(9) Subject to § 5–503 of this article, buy, hold, lease, and convey real property;

(10) Pledge collateral to secure deposits of:

(i) The federal government or its agencies; or

(ii) Any state or its political subdivisions;

(11) Pledge securities to secure the money of an estate administered under the federal bankruptcy laws;

(12) Without being deemed a branch of a depository institution affiliate, act in accordance with § 101(d) of the Riegle–Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994, as agent of any depository institution affiliate in:

(i) Receiving deposits;

(ii) Renewing time deposits;

(iii) Closing loans;

(iv) Servicing loans; or

(v) Receiving payments on loans and other obligations; and

(13) Exercise all of the powers usual in carrying on a banking business.

(C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS:

(I) A STATE ISSUER; OR

(II) A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION.

(3) A COMMERCIAL BANK SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN REGULATION PRIOR TO:

(I) SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY TO BECOME A PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER; OR

(II) PROVIDING PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

3-207.

(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS:

(1) A STATE ISSUER; OR

(2) A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION.

(B) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this article, a trust company may:

(1) Receive deposits of money, securities, and other personal property from any person;

(2) Act as the agent of any foreign or Maryland corporation for any lawful purpose;

(3) Act as the fiscal or transfer agent of any state, any political subdivision of any state, or any corporation;

(4) Accept and execute any trust and any powers that are conferred on or entrusted to it in any manner, including any grant, assignment, transfer, devise, or bequest by any person or by order of a court;

(5) Accept and hold trust property;

(6) Act as trustee under a mortgage or bond issue of a corporation or political subdivision;

(7) Act as personal representative of the estate of any deceased individual;
and

(8) Act as guardian, receiver, or trustee of the estate of any person under order or appointment of a court and as depositary of money paid to the court for the benefit of the person.

3–209.

(a) (1) Before the Commissioner issues a certificate to do business, the required capital stock and the required surplus shall be paid in full.

(2) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A** commercial bank shall have required capital stock that equals at least:

(i) \$750,000, if it is in a municipal area with not more than 50,000 inhabitants; and

(ii) \$1.5 million, if it is in a municipal area with more than 50,000 inhabitants.

(3) A commercial bank shall have a surplus in an amount that equals at least 20 percent of its required capital stock.

(b) (1) Before a commercial bank establishes a branch, the commercial bank shall have capital stock and surplus as provided in this subsection.

(2) For a branch that is to be located inside the municipal area of the principal banking office of the commercial bank, the commercial bank shall have capital stock and surplus that equal at least the sum of the amounts required by subsection (a) of this section.

(3) For a branch that is to be located outside the municipal area of the principal banking office of the commercial bank, the commercial bank shall have capital stock and surplus that equal at least the sum of:

(i) The amount required by subsection (a) of this section; and

(ii) 1. \$120,000, if it is in a municipal area with not more than 25,000 inhabitants;

2. \$180,000, if it is in a municipal area with more than 25,000 and not more than 100,000 inhabitants;

3. \$240,000, if it is in a municipal area with more than 100,000 and not more than 250,000 inhabitants; and

4. \$900,000, if it is in a municipal area with more than 250,000 inhabitants.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by law, the unimpaired capital and surplus of a commercial bank include its debt instruments issued under § 3–312 of this title.

(D) (1) (I) A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY MAY REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSIONER REDUCE THE CAPITAL STOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY.

(II) INCORPORATORS SEEKING TO FORM A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY MAY MAKE A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH PRIOR TO FILING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

(III) A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY MAKING A REQUEST UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER WITH ALL INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER REQUIRES.

(2) IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL STOCK REQUIRED FOR A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY IF THE REDUCTION DOES NOT IMPAIR THE NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY’S SAFETY, SOUNDNESS, AND ABILITY TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY.

(3) THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION FOR APPROVAL OF A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

3–211.1.

(b) (1) A nondepository trust company shall pledge securities or deliver a surety bond to the Commissioner, for the benefit of the Commissioner, to defray the costs of a receivership.

(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY THAT ENGAGES IN BUSINESS UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(II) The amount of the securities or surety bond shall be determined by the Commissioner in an amount that the Commissioner deems appropriate to defray such costs, but in no event shall the amount exceed:

[(i)] **1.** \$1,000,000 for a nondepository trust company with a composite rating, using the Uniform Interagency Trust Rating System, of 1 or 2; or

[(ii)] **2.** \$3,000,000 for a nondepository trust company with a composite rating, using the Uniform Interagency Trust Rating System, of 3, 4, or 5.

5–203.

(c) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (4)** of this subsection, the Commissioner shall assess each banking institution the sum of:

(i) \$8,000; plus

(ii) **1.** 12 cents for each \$1,000 of the assets of the institution over \$50,000,000, but not more than \$250,000,000;

2. 10 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$250,000,000, but not more than \$500,000,000;

3. 9 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$500,000,000, but not more than \$1,000,000,000;

4. 8 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$1,000,000,000, but not more than \$10,000,000,000; and

5. 7 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$10,000,000,000.

(2) If a banking institution is not in the business of accepting deposits or retaining funds in a deposit account as defined in § 5–509 of this title, the Commissioner shall assess the banking institution the sum of:

(i) \$5,000; plus

(ii) **1.** 0.3 cents for each \$1,000 of managed assets held in a fiduciary capacity up to \$5,000,000,000;

2. 0.2 cents for each \$1,000 of managed assets held in a fiduciary capacity over \$5,000,000,000, but not more than \$20,000,000,000;

3. 0.1 cent for each \$1,000 of managed assets held in a fiduciary capacity over \$20,000,000,000 up to \$27,500,000,000;

4. 0.2 cents for each \$1,000 of nonmanaged and custodial assets held in a fiduciary capacity up to \$5,000,000,000; and

5. 0.1 cent for each \$1,000 of nonmanaged and custodial assets held in a fiduciary capacity over \$5,000,000,000 up to \$20,000,000,000.

(3) The assessments shall be based on assets stated in a banking institution's most recent financial report.

(4) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE ASSESSMENTS FOR BANKING INSTITUTIONS ENGAGING IN BUSINESS UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE BY REGULATION.

6-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the board of directors of a credit union.

(c) (1) "Branch" means a credit union office at which shares or deposits are received, share drafts or checks are paid, or money is lent.

(2) "Branch" includes a mobile branch or other special-purpose facility that performs a function of a branch.

(3) "Branch" does not include an automated teller machine as defined in § 1-401(d) of this article.

(d) "Credit union" means a cooperative, nonprofit financial institution organized under this title to conduct business in the State.

(e) "Credit union service organization" means an entity formed to engage in activities that:

(1) Are incidental to the conduct of the business of a credit union;

(2) Advance or facilitate the purposes of a credit union; and

(3) Primarily serve a credit union and its members.

(f) (1) "Credit union share guaranty corporation" means a corporation engaged in the business of guaranteeing or insuring payment of a credit union share or deposit account.

(2) "Credit union share guaranty corporation" includes the Credit Union Insurance Corporation established under Title 7 of this article.

(g) "Deposit account" means a balance held by a credit union on which a contractual rate of interest may be paid as a debt owed by the credit union to the depositor.

(h) “Fixed assets” includes land, buildings, leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment used in the conduct of the regular business of a credit union.

(i) “Member in good standing” means a member who:

- (1) Owns at least one share in a credit union;
- (2) Is current on all credit obligations to the credit union; and
- (3) Has not caused the credit union a credit or deposit loss that is currently outstanding.

(j) “Officer” means any officer that a Maryland corporation is required or permitted to have under § 2–412 of the Corporations and Associations Article.

(k) “Official” means:

- (1) A director;
- (2) A member of a credit committee; or
- (3) A member of a supervisory committee.

(l) “Out-of-state credit union” means:

- (1) A federal credit union with its main office in a state other than this State; or
- (2) A credit union chartered and primarily regulated by another state.

(M) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(N) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(O) “PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(m)] **(P)** “Share” or “share account” means a balance held by a credit union on which a dividend may be paid and which confers membership and voting rights on the member.

- (A) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, a credit union may:
- (1) Receive the shares and deposits of its members;
 - (2) Lend money to its members;
 - (3) Invest funds as provided in this title; and
 - (4) Undertake other activities that:
 - (i) Are consistent with this title;
 - (ii) Relate to its purposes; and
 - (iii) Are authorized by its bylaws.

(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION.

(3) A CREDIT UNION SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN REGULATION PRIOR TO:

(I) SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY TO BECOME A PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER; OR

(II) PROVIDING PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

TITLE 14. MARYLAND STABLECOIN ACT.

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

14-101.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “APPLICANT” MEANS A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT APPLIES TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE.

(C) “BOARD” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

(D) “CERTIFICATE” MEANS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO AN APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 14-307 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) “CERTIFICATE HOLDER” MEANS A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION ISSUED A CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS TITLE.

(F) “CONSUMER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ENTERS INTO A TRANSACTION FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES.

(G) “CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(H) “KEY INDIVIDUAL” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING OR DIRECTING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND CONTROL OF:

- (1) A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; OR
- (2) A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

(I) “MONETARY VALUE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

(J) “NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(K) “OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(L) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

(M) (1) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES” MEANS:

(I) EXCHANGING PAYMENT STABLECOIN FOR MONETARY VALUE;

(II) PROVIDING CUSTODIAL OR SAFEKEEPING SERVICES TO PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 12 U.S.C. § 5909;

(III) MANAGING REQUIRED RESERVE ASSETS FOR PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUERS, INCLUDING PURCHASING, SELLING, AND HOLDING SUCH RESERVE ASSETS CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW;

(IV) PROVIDING CUSTODIAL OR SAFEKEEPING SERVICES FOR PAYMENT STABLECOINS OR PRIVATE KEYS OF PAYMENT STABLECOIN CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025; OR

(V) UNDERTAKING ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT:

1. FACILITATE THE USE OF STABLECOIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025;

2. ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025; AND

3. ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING.

(2) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN–RELATED SERVICES” DOES NOT INCLUDE ISSUING PAYMENT STABLECOIN.

(N) “PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION” MEANS A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION:

(1) PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING PAYMENT STABLECOIN–RELATED SERVICES; AND

(2) AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE TO PROVIDE PAYMENT STABLECOIN–RELATED SERVICES.

(O) “PERMITTED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

(P) “STATE ISSUER” MEANS A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE TO BECOME

A STATE QUALIFIED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER.

(Q) “STATE PAYMENT STABLECOIN REGULATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

(R) “STATE QUALIFIED PAYMENT STABLECOIN ISSUER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

14-102.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO:

(1) A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY SEEKING TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS:

(I) A STATE ISSUER; OR

(II) A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION; AND

(2) A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION SEEKING TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION.

SUBTITLE 2. FORMATION AND POWERS.

14-201.

(A) THE OFFICE SHALL BE THE STATE PAYMENT STABLECOIN REGULATOR IN THE STATE.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICE AS A STATE PAYMENT STABLECOIN REGULATOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING:

(1) A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS:

(I) A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION; OR

(II) A STATE ISSUER; OR

(2) A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION.

(D) TO THE EXTENT NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, THE COMMISSIONER MAY GRANT TO ANY APPLICANT THOSE POWERS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT THE COMMISSIONER APPROVES UNDER THIS TITLE.

(E) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION GRANTED TO THE COMMISSIONER IN THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY:

(1) SHARE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY STATE ISSUER WITH THE BOARD IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025; AND

(2) ENTER INTO AN INFORMATION-SHARING AGREEMENT UNDER § 2-117 OF THIS ARTICLE WITH ANY STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCY HAVING AUTHORITY OVER A CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

(F) (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:

(I) CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE;

(II) ENSURE THAT ANY ACTIVITIES, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE ARE CONDUCTED IN A SAFE, SOUND, AND EFFICIENT MANNER; AND

(III) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FACILITATE CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICE AS THE STATE PAYMENT STABLECOIN REGULATOR.

(2) TO FACILITATE CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICE AS THE STATE PAYMENT STABLECOIN REGULATOR, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANIES SEEKING AUTHORITY TO ACT AS A STATE ISSUER THAT WAIVE OR MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLES 3 AND 4 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14-202.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE OR IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONER:

(1) TITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL GOVERN THE FORMATION OF A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY INTENDING TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE; AND

(2) ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF TITLES 3 AND 5 OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ENGAGING IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE.

14-203.

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE OR IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONER:

(1) § 6-706 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL GOVERN THE FORMATION OF A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION INTENDING TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE; AND

(2) ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION ENGAGING IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXAMINE A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER WITH AN EXAMINATION OF THE CREDIT UNION.

14-204.

(A) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE ONLY POWERS THAT THE COMMISSIONER:

(1) GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE; AND

(2) LISTS IN THE CERTIFICATE.

(B) AN APPLICANT MAY NOT ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

SUBTITLE 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

14-301.

FOR AN APPLICANT TO QUALIFY FOR A CERTIFICATE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE APPLICANT IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND HAS SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, BUSINESS EXPERIENCE, AND GENERAL FITNESS TO:

- (1) ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNDER THIS TITLE IN A SAFE AND SOUND MANNER;**
- (2) WARRANT THE BELIEF THAT THE BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED LAWFULLY, HONESTLY, FAIRLY, AND EFFICIENTLY; AND**
- (3) COMMAND THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC.**

14-302.

(A) AN APPLICANT SHALL COMPLETE, SIGN, AND SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER AN APPLICATION MADE UNDER OATH IN THE FORM AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS THAT THE COMMISSIONER REQUIRES.

(B) IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION LISTED IN THE APPLICATION FORM PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSIONER:

- (1) A BUSINESS PLAN;**
- (2) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF ALL KEY INDIVIDUALS;**
- (3) ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS; AND**
- (4) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER REQUESTS.**

(C) ON SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER, AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY A NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE EXAMINATION FEE FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL BANK CHARTER UNDER § 2-108(A)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE.

14-303.

WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER:

(1) WHETHER THE APPLICANT MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 14-301 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND PROVIDES THE INFORMATION AND FEE REQUIRED UNDER § 14-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) IF THE APPLICANT SEEKS A CERTIFICATE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A STATE ISSUER, WHETHER THE APPLICANT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025;

(3) IF THE APPLICANT SEEKS A CERTIFICATE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PROVIDER OF PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES, WHETHER THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT THE APPLICANT SEEKS TO OFFER:

(I) FACILITATE USE OF PAYMENT STABLECOIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025; AND

(II) ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025;

(4) WHETHER THE BUSINESS THE APPLICANT SEEKS TO CONDUCT:

(I) COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW;

(II) SUPPORTS THE WELFARE OF THE GENERAL ECONOMY OF THE STATE; AND

(III) IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND

(5) ANY OTHER FACTORS THAT THE COMMISSIONER IDENTIFIES IN REGULATION.

14-304.

(A) ON SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 14-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL INVESTIGATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT SATISFIES THE CRITERIA UNDER § 14-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPROVE OR DENY EACH APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICANT FILES A COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PAYS THE APPLICATION FEE.

(C) AN APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED COMPLETE WHEN THE COMMISSIONER RECEIVES:

(1) THE SIGNED APPLICATION;

(2) ALL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE APPLICATION; AND

(3) IF APPLICABLE, ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE SIGNED APPLICATION.

(D) (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION IF THE COMMISSIONER:

(I) DETERMINES THAT ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO FULLY CONSIDER THE APPLICATION; OR

(II) REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AFTER THE APPLICANT SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION AND FEE AND:

1. HAS NOT RECEIVED THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN THE 60 DAYS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; OR

2. REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

(2) IF THE COMMISSIONER EXTENDS THE TIME PERIOD FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF THE EXTENSION WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS.

14-305.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT SATISFIES THE CRITERIA UNDER § 14-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) ON APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) IDENTIFY THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT THE APPLICANT MAY OFFER UNDER THIS TITLE;

(2) GRANT THE APPLICANT ALL POWERS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO OFFER THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT THE COMMISSIONER APPROVES;

(3) IMPOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE; AND

(4) ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO THE APPLICANT.

(C) IN ADDITION TO AN APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION UNDER THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE APPLICANT CONCERNING ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

14-306.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DENY AN APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT SATISFY THE CRITERIA OF § 14-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) IF THE COMMISSIONER DENIES AN APPLICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF THE DENIAL IN WRITING WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS.

(B) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMMISSIONER DENIES AN APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) FILE A WRITTEN DECISION CONTAINING THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ON WHICH THE COMMISSIONER BASED THE DENIAL WITH THE OFFICE;

(2) SEND A COPY OF THE WRITTEN DECISION TO THE APPLICANT; AND

(3) ADVISE THE APPLICANT IN WRITING OF THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO A HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

(C) (1) IF AN APPLICANT SEEKS A HEARING TO CONTEST THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICANT RECEIVES NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING.

(2) A HEARING DATE ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE POSTPONED ONLY ONCE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE INITIAL HEARING.

14-307.

(A) A CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) SHALL CONTAIN:

(I) THE FULL LEGAL NAME OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

(II) ANY LEGALLY REGISTERED TRADE NAMES USED BY THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

(III) A LIST OF ALL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THE COMMISSIONER AUTHORIZES THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO OFFER; AND

(IV) A LIST OF ALL POWERS THE COMMISSIONER GRANTS TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

(2) MAY INCLUDE:

(I) ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT THE COMMISSIONER IMPOSES ON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER; AND

(II) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE; AND

(3) REMAINS VALID UNTIL:

(I) THE COMMISSIONER SUSPENDS OR REVOKES THE CERTIFICATE; OR

(II) THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER SURRENDERS THE CERTIFICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

(B) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

(1) SHALL:

(I) MAKE A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE ON ANY WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER; AND

(II) PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE ON REQUEST; AND

(2) MAY NOT:

(I) OFFER ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE NOT LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATE; OR

(II) EXERCISE ANY POWER NOT LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATE.

14-308.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “AMENDMENT” MEANS ANY MODIFICATION TO:

(1) THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES LISTED IN A CERTIFICATE;

(2) THE POWERS LISTED IN A CERTIFICATE; OR

(3) ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS OR CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN THE CERTIFICATE THAT THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(B) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER MAY REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSIONER AMEND A CERTIFICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS THE COMMISSIONER ESTABLISHES.

(C) IN REVIEWING A REQUEST TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE CRITERIA UNDER § 14-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) (1) IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION OR EXAMINATION OF A CERTIFICATE HOLDER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUEST THAT THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER AGREE TO AN AMENDMENT.

(2) IF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER DOES NOT AGREE TO THE COMMISSIONER’S REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT, THE COMMISSIONER MAY TAKE ANY ACTION AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CHANGE TO A CERTIFICATE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(2) AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

- (I) COMPLY WITH § 14-307 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**
- (II) REPLACE THE PRIOR CERTIFICATE.**

SUBTITLE 4. PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTIONS.

14-401.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION TO:

- (1) A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; OR**
- (2) A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION.**

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION UNDER THIS TITLE UNLESS:

- (1) THE COMMISSIONER ISSUES THE PERSON A CERTIFICATE; AND**
- (2) THE CERTIFICATE GRANTS THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER THE AUTHORITY TO OFFER ONE OR MORE PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES.**

(C) NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL RESTRICT:

(1) THE ABILITY OF A BANKING INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION TO OFFER PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES:

(i) CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW;
AND

(ii) IF THE SERVICES ARE DISCLOSED TO THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN REGULATION; OR

(2) THE ABILITY OF A NATIONAL BANKING INSTITUTION, AN OTHER-STATE BANK, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED CREDIT UNION, OR AN OTHER-STATE CREDIT UNION TO OFFER PAYMENT STABLECOIN-RELATED SERVICES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW.

14-402.

A CERTIFICATE HOLDER AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A PAYMENT STABLECOIN SERVICES INSTITUTION MAY NOT:

- (1) OFFER ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE NOT LISTED ON ITS CERTIFICATE;**
- (2) EXERCISE ANY POWER NOT LISTED ON ITS CERTIFICATE;**
- (3) ISSUE PAYMENT STABLECOIN UNLESS THE CERTIFICATE ALSO AUTHORIZES THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A STATE ISSUER;**
- (4) MAKE LOANS OR OTHER EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT;**
- (5) ACCEPT CONSUMER DEPOSITS;**
- (6) ACCEPT INSURED DEPOSITS; OR**
- (7) REPRESENT THAT FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER ARE INSURED.**

SUBTITLE 5. STATE ISSUERS.

14-501.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A STATE ISSUER TO A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A STATE ISSUER UNLESS:

- (1) THE COMMISSIONER ISSUES THE PERSON A CERTIFICATE; AND**
- (2) THE CERTIFICATE GRANTS THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER THE AUTHORITY TO ACT AS A STATE ISSUER.**

14-502.

A CERTIFICATE HOLDER AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS A STATE ISSUER MAY NOT:

- (1) OFFER ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE NOT LISTED ON ITS CERTIFICATE;**
- (2) EXERCISE ANY POWER NOT LISTED ON ITS CERTIFICATE;**
- (3) MAKE LOANS OR OTHER EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT;**
- (4) ACCEPT CONSUMER DEPOSITS;**
- (5) ACCEPT INSURED DEPOSITS; OR**
- (6) REPRESENT THAT FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER ARE INSURED.**

14-503.

THE COMMISSIONER MAY SHARE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY STATE ISSUER WITH THE BOARD IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL GENIUS ACT OF 2025.

SUBTITLE 6. ENFORCEMENT AND SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE.

14-601.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE ALL ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLES 3 AND 5 OF THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO A NONDEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE ALL ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

(C) IN ADDITION TO OTHER POWERS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXERCISE ALL INVESTIGATORY AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 2-113 THROUGH 2-116 OF THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO:

- (1) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER; OR**
- (2) ANY PERSON ENGAGED IN BUSINESS REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS TITLE.**

14-602.

SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 2-115 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE A CERTIFICATE IF:

(1) THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR ANY OWNER, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, MEMBER, COVENTURER, PARTNER, STOCKHOLDER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

(I) MAKES ANY MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE;

(II) CONDUCTS BUSINESS AUTHORIZED IN THE CERTIFICATE IN AN UNSAFE OR UNSOUND MANNER;

(III) REFUSES TO PERMIT THE COMMISSIONER TO PERFORM AN EXAMINATION AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

(IV) WILLFULLY FAILS TO MAKE A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

(V) IS CONVICTED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE, OR ANY OTHER STATE OF A FELONY OR A MISDEMEANOR THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FITNESS AND QUALIFICATION OF THE PERSON TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS AUTHORIZED IN THE CERTIFICATE;

(VI) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY BUSINESS AUTHORIZED IN THE CERTIFICATE:

1. COMMITS A FRAUD;

2. ENGAGES IN AN ILLEGAL OR DISHONEST ACTIVITY;

OR

3. MISREPRESENTS OR FAILS TO DISCLOSE A MATERIAL FACT TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY;

(VII) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, OR ANY OTHER LAW REGULATING THE BUSINESS AUTHORIZED IN THE CERTIFICATE;

(VIII) CONDUCTS ANY BUSINESS OR EXERCISES ANY POWER NOT AUTHORIZED IN THE CERTIFICATE; OR

(IX) OTHERWISE DEMONSTRATES UNWORTHINESS, BAD FAITH, DISHONESTY, OR ANY OTHER QUALITY THAT INDICATES THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS NOT BEEN OR WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED HONESTLY, FAIRLY, EQUITABLY, AND EFFICIENTLY;

(2) THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER ARE INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST; OR

(3) THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

(I) HAS INADEQUATE CAPITAL AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER, AFTER 10 DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE COMMISSIONER, FAILS TO TAKE STEPS THAT THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO REMEDY THE DEFICIENCY;

(II) BECOMES INSOLVENT;

(III) HAS SUSPENDED PAYMENT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS, MADE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS CREDITORS, OR ADMITTED ITS INABILITY TO PAY ITS DEBTS AS THEY BECOME DUE; OR

(IV) HAS APPLIED FOR AN ADJUDICATION OF BANKRUPTCY, REORGANIZATION, ARRANGEMENT, OR OTHER RELIEF UNDER ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING.

14-603.

(A) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER MAY SURRENDER A CERTIFICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS THAT THE COMMISSIONER REQUIRES.

(B) A SURRENDER OF A CERTIFICATE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

(1) AFFECT ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER FOR ACTS COMMITTED BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE IS SURRENDERED; OR

(2) LIMIT THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S LIABILITY TO PAY ANY FEES OR ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATE IS SURRENDERED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.