SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5798

A bill to regulate the business of money transmission; to require the licensing of persons engaged in the business of money transmission; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local officers and entities; to prescribe penalties and civil sanctions; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

L	ARTICLE 1
2	SHORT TITLE AND PURPOSE
3	Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "money transmission
4	modernization act".
5	Sec. 3. This act is designed to replace existing state money
6	transmission laws currently codified in the money transmission
7	services act 2006 PA 250 MCT. 487 1001 to 487 1047 It is the

- 1 intent of the legislature that the provisions of this act
- 2 accomplish all of the following:
- 3 (a) Ensure states can coordinate in all areas of regulation,
- 4 licensing, and supervision to eliminate unnecessary regulatory
- 5 burden and more effectively utilize regulator resources.
- 6 (b) Protect the public from financial crime.
- 7 (c) Standardize the types of activities that are subject to8 licensing or otherwise exempt from licensing.
- 9 (d) Modernize safety and soundness requirements to ensure
 10 customer funds are protected in an environment that supports
 11 innovative and competitive business practices.
- 12 ARTICLE 2
- 13 DEFINITIONS
- 14 Sec. 5. As used in this act:
- (a) "Acting in concert" means persons knowingly actingtogether with a common goal of jointly acquiring control of alicensee whether or not under an express agreement.
- 18 (b) "Authorized delegate" means a person a licensee designates
 19 to engage in money transmission on behalf of the licensee.
- (c) "Average daily money transmission liability" means the amount of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations in Michigan at the end of each day in a given period of time, added together, and divided by the total number of days in the given period of time. For purposes of calculating average daily money transmission liability under this act for any licensee required to do so, the given period of time must be the guarters ending March
- 27 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.
- 28 (d) "Bank secrecy act" means the bank secrecy act, Public Law
 29 91-508, and the regulations promulgated under that act.

- 1 (e) "Closed loop stored value" means stored value that is
 2 redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the
 3 issuer or its affiliate or franchisees of the issuer or its
 4 affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be
- 5 redeemable in cash for its cash value. 6 (f) "Control" means the power to vote, directly or indirectly, 7 at least 25% of the outstanding voting shares or voting interests 8 of a licensee or person in control of a licensee, the power to 9 elect or appoint a majority of key individuals or executive 10 officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a person in control of a 11 licensee, or the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a 12 controlling influence over the management or policies of a licensee 13 14 or person in control of a licensee. A person is presumed to 15 exercise a controlling influence when the person holds the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at least 10% of the outstanding 16 17 voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or person in 18 control of a licensee. A person presumed to exercise a controlling 19 influence under this subdivision can rebut the presumption of 20 control if the person is a passive investor. For purposes of 21 determining the percentage of a person controlled by any other 22 person, the person's interest must be aggregated with the interest 23 of any other immediate family member, including the person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in law, 24 25 sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and any 26 other person who shares such person's home.
- 27 (g) "Department" means the department of insurance and 28 financial services.
- 29 (h) "Director" means the director of the department or the

- 1 director's designee.
- (i) "Eligible rating" means a credit rating of any of the 3 2 highest rating categories provided by an eligible rating service, 3 whereby each category may include rating category modifiers such as 4 "plus" or "minus" for S&P, or the equivalent for any other eligible 5 6 rating service. Long-term credit ratings are deemed eligible if the 7 rating is equal to A- or higher by S&P, or the equivalent from any 8 other eligible rating service. Short-term credit ratings are deemed 9 eligible if the rating is equal to or higher than A-2 or SP-2 by 10 S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. In 11 the event that ratings differ among eligible rating services, the highest rating applies when determining whether a security bears an 12 13 eligible rating.
- (j) "Eligible rating service" means any nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as that term is defined by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and any other organization designated by the director by rule or order.
- (k) "Federally insured depository financial institution" means 18 a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust company, 19 20 savings association, savings bank, industrial bank, or industrial loan company organized under the laws of the United States or any 21 state of the United States, when such bank, credit union, savings 22 23 and loan association, trust company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank, or industrial loan company has federally 24 25 insured deposits.
- 26 (l) "In this state" means at a physical location within this
 27 state for a transaction requested in person. For a transaction
 28 requested electronically or by phone, the provider of money
 29 transmission may determine if the person requesting the transaction

- 1 is "in this state" by relying on other information provided by the
- 2 person regarding the location of the individual's residential
- 3 address or a business entity's principal place of business or other
- 4 physical address location, and any records associated with the
- 5 person that the provider of money transmission may have that
- 6 indicate such location, including, but not limited to, an address
- 7 associated with an account.
- 8 (m) "Individual" means a natural person.
- 9 (n) "Key individual" means any individual ultimately
- 10 responsible for establishing or directing policies and procedures
- 11 of the licensee, such as an executive officer, manager, director,
- 12 or trustee.
- (o) "Licensee" means a person licensed or required to be
- 14 licensed under this act.
- 15 (p) "Material litigation" means litigation, that according to
- 16 United States generally accepted accounting principles, is
- 17 significant to a person's financial health and would be required to
- 18 be disclosed in the person's annual audited financial statements,
- 19 report to shareholders, or similar records.
- 20 (g) "Monetary value" means a medium of exchange, whether or
- 21 not redeemable in money.
- (r) "Money" means a medium of exchange that is authorized or
- 23 adopted by the United States or a foreign government. Money
- 24 includes a monetary unit of account established by an
- 25 intergovernmental organization or by agreement between 2 or more
- 26 governments.
- 27 (s) "Money transmission" means selling or issuing payment
- 28 instruments to a person located in this state, selling or issuing
- 29 stored value to a person located in this state, or receiving money

- 1 for transmission from a person located in this state. Money
- 2 transmission includes payroll processing services. Money
- 3 transmission does not include the provision solely of online or
- 4 telecommunications services or network access.
- 5 (t) "MSB accredited state" means a state agency that is
- 6 accredited by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and Money
- 7 Transmitter Regulators Association for money transmission licensing
- 8 and supervision.
- 9 (u) "Multistate licensing process" means any agreement entered
- 10 into by and among state regulators relating to coordinated
- 11 processing of applications for money transmission licenses,
- 12 applications for the acquisition of control of a licensee, control
- 13 determinations, or notice and information requirements for a change
- 14 of key individuals.
- (v) "Nationwide multistate licensing system and registry"
- 16 means the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry
- 17 developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the
- 18 American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators and owned
- 19 and operated by the State Regulatory Registry, LLC, or any
- 20 successor or affiliated entity, for the licensing and registration
- 21 of persons in financial services industries.
- 22 (w) "Outstanding money transmission obligations" must be
- 23 established and extinguished in accordance with applicable state
- 24 law and means any payment instrument or stored value issued or sold
- 25 by the licensee to a person located in the United States or
- 26 reported as sold by an authorized delegate of the licensee to a
- 27 person that is located in the United States that has not yet been
- 28 paid or refunded by or for the licensee, or escheated in accordance
- 29 with applicable abandoned property laws, or any money received for

- 1 transmission by the licensee or an authorized delegate in the
- 2 United States from a person located in the United States that has
- 3 not been received by the payee or refunded to the sender, or
- 4 escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property laws.
- 5 For purposes of this subdivision, "in the United States" includes,
- 6 to the extent applicable, a person in any state, territory, or
- 7 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the
- 8 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a United States military
- 9 installation that is located in a foreign country.
- 10 (x) "Passive investor" means a person to which all of the
 11 following apply:
- 12 (i) The person does not have the power to elect a majority of
- 13 key individuals or executive officers, managers, directors,
- 14 trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a
- 15 person in control of a licensee.
- 16 (ii) The person is not employed by and does not have any
- 17 managerial duties of the licensee or person in control of a
- 18 licensee.
- 19 (iii) The person does not have the power to exercise, directly
- 20 or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or
- 21 policies of a licensee or person in control of a licensee.
- 22 (iv) The person does either of the following:
- 23 (A) Attests to subparagraphs (i), (ii), and (iii), in a form and
- 24 in a medium prescribed by the director.
- 25 (B) Commits to the passivity characteristics of subparagraphs
- 26 (i), (ii), and (iii), in a written document.
- 27 (y) "Payment instrument" means a written or electronic check,
- 28 draft, money order, traveler's check, or other written or
- 29 electronic instrument for the transmission or payment of money or

- 1 monetary value, whether or not negotiable. Payment instrument does
- 2 not include stored value or any instrument to which either of the
- 3 following applies:
- 4 (i) It is redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services
- 5 provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisees of the
- 6 issuer or its affiliate, except to the extent required by
- 7 applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value.
- 8 (ii) It is not sold to the public but issued and distributed as
- 9 part of a loyalty, rewards, or promotional program.
- 10 (z) "Payroll processing services" means receiving money for
- 11 transmission under a contract with a person to deliver wages or
- 12 salaries, make payment of payroll taxes to state and federal
- 13 agencies, make payments relating to employee benefit plans, or make
- 14 distributions of other authorized deductions from wages or
- 15 salaries. Payroll processing services does not include an employer
- 16 performing payroll processing services on its own behalf or on
- 17 behalf of its affiliate, or a professional employer organization
- 18 subject to regulation under other applicable state law.
- 19 (aa) "Person" means any individual, general partnership,
- 20 limited partnership, limited liability company, corporation, trust,
- 21 association, joint stock corporation, or other corporate entity
- 22 identified by the director.
- 23 (bb) "Receiving money for transmission" or "money received for
- 24 transmission" means receiving money or monetary value in the United
- 25 States for transmission within or outside the United States by
- 26 electronic or other means.
- 27 (cc) "Stored value" means monetary value representing a claim
- 28 against the issuer evidenced by an electronic or digital record,
- 29 and that is intended and accepted for use as a means of redemption

- 1 for money or monetary value, or payment for goods or services.
- 2 Stored value includes, but is not limited to, prepaid access, as
- 3 that term is defined by 31 CFR 1010.100. Notwithstanding the
- 4 foregoing, stored value does not include a payment instrument or
- 5 closed loop stored value, or stored value not sold to the public
- 6 but issued and distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards, or
- 7 promotional program.
- 8 (dd) "Tangible net worth" means the aggregate assets of a
- 9 licensee excluding all intangible assets, less liabilities, as
- 10 determined in accordance with United States generally accepted
- 11 accounting principles.
- 12 ARTICLE 3
- 13 EXEMPTIONS
- 14 Sec. 7. This act does not apply to any of the following:
- 15 (a) An operator of a payment system to the extent that it
- 16 provides processing, clearing, or settlement services, between or
- 17 among persons exempted by this section or licensees, in connection
- 18 with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card
- 19 transactions, stored-value transactions, automated clearing house
- 20 transfers, or similar funds transfers.
- 21 (b) A person appointed as an agent of a payee to collect and
- 22 process a payment from a payor to the payee for goods or services,
- 23 other than money transmission itself, provided to the payor by the
- 24 payee, provided that all of the following apply:
- 25 (i) There exists a written agreement between the payee and the
- 26 agent directing the agent to collect and process payments from
- 27 payors on the payee's behalf.
- 28 (ii) The payee holds the agent out to the public as accepting
- 29 payments for goods or services on the payee's behalf.

- (iii) Any payment for the goods and services is treated as
 received by the payee on receipt by the agent so that the payor's
 obligation is extinguished and there is no risk of loss to the
- 4 payor if the agent fails to remit the funds to the payee.
- (c) A person that acts as an intermediary by processing
 payments between an entity that has directly incurred an
 outstanding money transmission obligation to a sender, and the
 sender's designated recipient, provided that all of the following
- 10 (i) It is properly licensed or exempt from licensing11 requirements under this act.
- (ii) It provides a receipt, electronic record, or other written
 confirmation to the sender identifying the entity as the provider
 of money transmission in the transaction.
- 15 (iii) It bears sole responsibility to satisfy the outstanding
 16 money transmission obligation to the sender, including the
 17 obligation to make the sender whole in connection with any failure
 18 to transmit the funds to the sender's designated recipient.
- (d) The United States or a department, agency, orinstrumentality thereof, or its agent.
- (e) Money transmission by the United States Postal Service orby an agent of the United States Postal Service.
- (f) A state, county, city, or any other governmental agency or
 governmental subdivision or instrumentality of a state, or its
 agent.
- (g) A federally insured depository financial institution, bank
 holding company, office of an international banking corporation,
 foreign bank that establishes a federal branch under the 12 USC

3102, corporation organized under the bank service company act, 12

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apply to the entity:

- 1 USC 1861 to 1867, or corporation organized under the edge act, 12 USC 611 to 631.
- ${f 3}$ (h) Electronic funds transfer of governmental benefits for a
- 4 federal, state, county, or governmental agency by a contractor on
- 5 behalf of the United States or a department, agency, or
- 6 instrumentality thereof, or on behalf of a state or governmental
- 7 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof.
- 8 (i) A board of trade designated as a contract market under the
- 9 commodity exchange act, 7 USC 1 to 27f, or a person that, in the
- 10 ordinary course of business, provides clearance and settlement
- 11 services for a board of trade to the extent of its operation as or
- 12 for such a board.
- 13 (j) A registered futures commission merchant under the federal
- 14 commodities laws to the extent of its operation as such a merchant.
- 15 (k) A person registered as a securities broker-dealer under
- 16 federal or state securities laws to the extent of its operation as
- 17 such a broker-dealer.
- 18 (1) An individual employed by a licensee, authorized delegate,
- 19 or any person exempted from the licensing requirements of the act
- 20 when acting within the scope of employment and under the
- 21 supervision of the licensee, authorized delegate, or exempted
- 22 person as an employee and not as an independent contractor.
- 23 (m) A person expressly appointed as a third party service
- 24 provider to or agent of an entity exempt under subdivision (q),
- 25 solely to the extent that both of the following apply:
- 26 (i) The service provider or agent is engaging in money
- 27 transmission on behalf of and under a written agreement with the
- 28 exempt entity that sets forth the specific functions that the
- 29 service provider or agent is to perform.

- 6 (n) A person exempt by regulation or order if the director
 7 finds such exemption to be in the public interest and that the
 8 regulation of such person is not necessary for the purposes of this
 9 act.
- 10 (o) A person appointed as an agent of a payor to provide
 11 payroll processing services for which a license would otherwise be
 12 required, provided that all of the following apply:
- (i) The payor and the agent have a written agreement directingthe agent to provide payroll processing services on the payor'sbehalf.
- (ii) The payor holds the agent out to employees and otherpayees as providing payroll processing services on the payor'sbehalf.
- (iii) The payor's obligation to a payee, including an employee or any other party entitled to receive funds under the payroll processing services, is not extinguished if the agent fails to remit the funds to the payee.
- Sec. 9. The director may require that any person claiming to 24 be exempt from licensing under section 7 provide information and 25 documentation to the director demonstrating that it qualifies for 26 any claimed exemption.
- 27 ARTICLE 4
- 28 IMPLEMENTATION, CONFIDENTIALITY, SUPERVISION, AND RELATIONSHIP TO
- 29 FEDERAL LAW

- Sec. 11. (1) In order to carry out the purposes of this act, the director may, subject to the provisions of section 13(1) and
- **3** (2) do any of the following:
- 4 (a) Enter into agreements or relationships with other
- 5 government officials or federal and state regulatory agencies or
- 6 regulatory associations in order to improve efficiencies and reduce
- 7 regulatory burden by standardizing methods or procedures, and
- 8 sharing resources, records, or related information obtained under
- 9 this act.
- 10 (b) Use, hire, contract, or employ analytical systems,
- 11 methods, or software to examine or investigate any person subject
- 12 to this act.
- 13 (c) Accept, from other state or federal government agencies or
- 14 officials, licensing, examination, or investigation reports made by
- 15 such other state or federal government agencies or officials.
- 16 (d) Accept audit reports made by an independent certified
- 17 public accountant or other qualified third-party auditor for an
- 18 applicant or licensee and incorporate the audit report in any
- 19 report of examination or investigation.
- 20 (2) The director shall have the broad administrative authority
- 21 to administer, interpret, and enforce this act, and promulgate
- 22 rules or regulations implementing this act and to recover the cost
- 23 of administering and enforcing this act by imposing and collecting
- 24 proportionate and equitable fees and costs associated with
- 25 applications, examinations, investigations, and other actions
- 26 required to achieve the purpose of this act.
- Sec. 13. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2),
- 28 all information or reports obtained by the director from an
- 29 applicant, licensee, or authorized delegate, and all information

- 1 contained in or related to an examination, investigation, operating
- 2 report, or condition report prepared by, on behalf of, or for the
- 3 use of the director, or financial statements, balance sheets, or
- 4 authorized delegate information, are confidential and are not
- 5 subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA
- 6 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 7 (2) The director may disclose information not otherwise
- 8 subject to disclosure under subsection (1) to representatives of
- 9 state or federal agencies who promise in a record that they will
- 10 maintain the confidentiality of the information or where the
- 11 director finds that the release is reasonably necessary for the
- 12 protection and interest of the public in accordance with the
- 13 freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 14 (3) This section does not prohibit the director from
- 15 disclosing to the public a list of all licensees or the aggregated
- 16 financial or transactional data concerning those licensees.
- 17 (4) The following information contained in the records of
- 18 department is not confidential and may be made available to the
- 19 public:
- 20 (a) The name, business address, telephone number, and unique
- 21 identifier of a licensee.
- 22 (b) The business address of a licensee's registered agent for
- 23 service.
- 24 (c) The name, business address, and telephone number of all
- 25 authorized delegates.
- 26 (d) The terms of any bond filed by a licensee, provided that
- 27 confidential information, including, but not limited to, prices and
- 28 fees for such bond is redacted.
- 29 (e) Copies of any non-confidential final orders of the

- 1 department relating to any violation of this act or regulations
- 2 implementing this act.
- 3 (f) Imposition of an administrative fine or penalty under this
- 4 act.
- 5 Sec. 15. (1) The director may conduct an examination or
- 6 investigation of a licensee or authorized delegate or otherwise
- 7 take independent action authorized by this act or by a rule adopted
- 8 or order issued under this act as reasonably necessary or
- 9 appropriate to administer and enforce this act, regulations
- 10 implementing this act, and other applicable law, including the bank
- 11 secrecy act and the uniting and strengthening America by providing
- 12 appropriate tools required to intercept and obstruct terrorism (USA
- 13 PATRIOT ACT) act of 2001, Public Law 107-56. The director may do
- 14 any of the following:
- 15 (a) Conduct an examination or investigation either on-site or
- 16 off-site as the director may reasonably require.
- 17 (b) Conduct an examination or investigation in conjunction
- 18 with an examination or investigation conducted by representatives
- 19 of other state agencies or agencies of another state or of the
- 20 federal government.
- 21 (c) Accept the examination or investigation report of another
- 22 state agency or an agency of another state or of the federal
- 23 government, or a report prepared by an independent accounting firm,
- 24 which on being accepted is considered for all purposes as an
- 25 official report of the director.
- 26 (d) Summon and examine under oath a key individual or employee
- 27 of a licensee or authorized delegate and require the person to
- 28 produce records regarding any matter related to the condition and
- 29 business of the licensee or authorized delegate.

- 1 (2) A licensee or authorized delegate shall provide, and the
 2 director shall have full and complete access to, all records the
 3 director may reasonably require to conduct a complete examination
 4 or investigation. The records must be provided at the location and
 5 in the format specified by the director, provided, the director may
 6 utilize multistate record production standards and examination
- 7 procedures when such standards will reasonably achieve the 8 requirements of this subsection.
- 9 (3) Unless otherwise directed by the director, a licensee 10 shall pay all costs reasonably incurred in connection with an 11 examination or investigation of the licensee or the licensee's 12 authorized delegates.
- 13 Sec. 17. (1) To efficiently and effectively administer and 14 enforce this act and to minimize regulatory burden, the director 15 may participate in multistate supervisory processes established 16 between states and coordinated through the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, Money Transmitter Regulatory Association, and 17 affiliates and successors thereof, for all licensees that hold 18 licenses in this state and other states. As a participant in 19 20 multistate supervision, the director shall do all of the following:
 - (a) Cooperate, coordinate, and share information with other states and federal regulators in accordance with section 13.
 - (b) Enter into written cooperation, coordination, or information-sharing contracts or agreements with organizations the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies.
- (c) Cooperate, coordinate, and share information with
 organizations the membership of which is made up of state or
 federal governmental agencies, provided that the organizations

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- agree in writing to maintain the confidentiality and security of
 the shared information in accordance with section 13.
- 3 (2) The director may not waive, and nothing in this section
 4 constitutes a waiver of, the director's authority to conduct an
 5 examination or investigation or otherwise take independent action
 6 authorized by this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this
 7 act to enforce compliance with applicable state or federal law.
- 8 (3) A joint examination or investigation, or acceptance of an
 9 examination or investigation report, does not waive an examination
 10 assessment provided for in this act.
- Sec. 19. In the event state money transmission jurisdiction is conditioned on a federal law, any inconsistencies between a provision of this act and the federal law governing money transmission are governed by the applicable federal law to the extent of the inconsistency.

16 ARTICLE 5

17 MONEY TRANSMISSION LICENSES

- Sec. 21. (1) A person may not engage in the business of money transmission or advertise, solicit, or hold itself out as providing money transmission unless the person is licensed under this act.
- 21 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to either of the following:
 - (a) A person that is an authorized delegate of a person licensed under this act acting within the scope of authority conferred by a written contract with the licensee.
 - (b) A person that is exempt under section 7 and does not engage in money transmission outside the scope of such exemption.
- 27 (3) A license issued under section 29 is not transferable or28 assignable.
- Sec. 23. (1) To establish consistent licensing between

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- 1 Michigan and other states, the director is authorized to do either
 2 or both of the following:
- (a) Implement all licensing provisions of this act in a manner
 that is consistent with other states that have adopted this act or
 multistate licensing processes.
- 6 (b) Participate in nationwide protocols for licensing
 7 cooperation and coordination among state regulators provided that
 8 such protocols are consistent with this act.
- 9 (2) In order to fulfill the purposes of this act, the director 10 is authorized to establish relationships or contracts with the 11 nationwide multistate licensing system and registry or other 12 entities designated by the nationwide multistate licensing system 13 and registry to enable the director to do any of the following:
- 14 (a) Collect and maintain records.
- (b) Coordinate multistate licensing processes and supervisionprocesses.
- 17 (c) Process fees.
- 18 (d) Facilitate communication between Michigan and licensees or
 19 other persons subject to this act.
- 20 (3) The director is authorized to utilize the nationwide
 21 multistate licensing system and registry for all aspects of
 22 licensing in accordance with this act, including but not limited
 23 to, license applications, applications for acquisitions of control,
 24 surety bonds, reporting, criminal history background checks, credit
 25 checks, fee processing, and examinations.
- 26 (4) The director is authorized to utilize the nationwide 27 multistate licensing system and registry's forms, processes, and 28 functionalities in accordance with this act. In the event the 29 nationwide multistate licensing system and registry does not

- 1 provide functionality, forms, or processes for a provision of this
- 2 act, the director is authorized to strive to implement the
- 3 requirements in a manner that facilitates uniformity with respect
- 4 to licensing, supervision, reporting, and regulation of licensees
- 5 which are licensed in multiple jurisdictions.
- **6** (5) For the purpose of participating in the nationwide
- 7 multistate licensing system and registry, the director is
- 8 authorized to waive or modify, in whole or in part, by rule,
- 9 regulation or order, any or all of the requirements and to
- 10 establish new requirements as reasonably necessary to participate
- 11 in the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry.
- Sec. 25. (1) Applicants for a license shall apply in a form
- 13 and in a medium as prescribed by the director. Each such form must
- 14 contain content as set forth by rule, regulation, order, or
- 15 instruction of the director and may be changed or updated by the
- 16 director in accordance with applicable law in order to carry out
- 17 the purposes of this act and maintain consistency with the
- 18 nationwide multistate licensing system and registry licensing
- 19 standards and practices. The application must state or contain, as
- 20 applicable, all of the following:
- 21 (a) The legal name and residential and business addresses of
- 22 the applicant and any fictitious or trade name used by the
- 23 applicant in conducting its business.
- 24 (b) A list of any criminal convictions of the applicant and
- 25 any material litigation in which the applicant has been involved in
- 26 the 10-year period immediately preceding the submission of the
- 27 application.
- (c) A description of any money transmission previously
- 29 provided by the applicant and the money transmission that the

- 1 applicant seeks to provide in this state.
- 2 (d) A list of the applicant's proposed authorized delegates
- 3 and the locations in this state where the applicant and its
- 4 authorized delegates propose to engage in money transmission.
- 5 (e) A list of other states in which the applicant is licensed
- 6 to engage in money transmission and any license revocations,
- 7 suspensions, or other disciplinary action taken against the
- 8 applicant in another state.
- 9 (f) Information concerning any bankruptcy or receivership
- 10 proceedings affecting the licensee or a person in control of a
- 11 licensee.
- 12 (g) The name and address of any federally insured depository
- 13 financial institution through which the applicant plans to conduct
- 14 money transmission.
- 15 (h) Any other information the director or the nationwide
- 16 multistate licensing system and registry reasonably requires with
- 17 respect to the applicant.
- 18 (2) If an applicant is a corporation, limited liability
- 19 company, partnership, or other legal entity, the applicant shall
- 20 also provide all of the following:
- 21 (a) The date of the applicant's incorporation or formation and
- 22 state or country of incorporation or formation.
- 23 (b) If applicable, a certificate of good standing from the
- 24 state or country in which the applicant is incorporated or formed.
- 25 (c) A brief description of the structure or organization of
- 26 the applicant, including any parents or subsidiaries of the
- 27 applicant, and whether any parents or subsidiaries are publicly
- 28 traded.
- 29 (d) The legal name, any fictitious or trade name, all business

- 1 and residential addresses, and the employment, as applicable, in
- 2 the 10-year period immediately preceding the submission of the
- 3 application of each key individual and person in control of the
- 4 applicant.
- **5** (e) A list of any criminal convictions and material litigation
- 6 in which a person in control of the applicant that is not an
- 7 individual has been involved in the 10-year period immediately
- 8 preceding the submission of the application.
- 9 (f) A copy of audited financial statements of the applicant
- 10 for the most recent fiscal year and for the 2-year period
- 11 immediately preceding the submission of the application or, if
- 12 determined to be acceptable to the director, certified unaudited
- 13 financial statements for the most recent fiscal year or other
- 14 period acceptable to the director.
- 15 (g) A certified copy of unaudited financial statements of the
- 16 applicant for the most recent fiscal quarter.
- 17 (h) If the applicant is a publicly traded corporation, a copy
- 18 of the most recent report filed with the United States Securities
- 19 and Exchange Commission under section 13 of the securities exchange
- 20 act of 1934, 15 USC 78m.
- 21 (i) If the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of a
- 22 corporation publicly traded in the United States, a copy of audited
- 23 financial statements for the parent corporation for the most recent
- 24 fiscal year or a copy of the parent corporation's most recent
- 25 report filed under section 13 of the securities exchange act of
- 26 1934, 15 USC 78m. If the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of
- 27 a corporation publicly traded outside the United States, a copy of
- 28 similar documentation filed with the regulator of the parent
- 29 corporation's domicile outside the United States.

- (j) The name and address of the applicant's registered agent
 in this state.
- 3 (k) Any other information the director reasonably requires4 with respect to the applicant.
- (3) A nonrefundable application fee as required by section
 31(1) must accompany an application for a license under this
 section.
- 8 (4) The director may waive 1 or more requirements of
 9 subsections (1) and (2) or permit an applicant to submit other
 10 information in lieu of the required information.
- Sec. 27. (1) Any individual in control of a licensee or applicant, any individual that seeks to acquire control of a licensee, and each key individual shall furnish to the director through the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry all of the following items:
- 16 (a) The individual's fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the director for purposes of a 17 18 state and national criminal history background check unless the 19 person currently resides outside of the United States and has 20 resided outside of the United States for the last 10 years. As part of or in connection with an application for a license under this 21 22 act the director is authorized to receive any and all criminal 23 history record information.
- 24 (b) Personal history and experience in a form and in a medium
 25 prescribed by the director, to obtain all of the following:
- (i) An independent credit report from a consumer reporting
 agency unless the individual does not have a Social Security
 number, in which case, this requirement must be waived.
- 29 (ii) Information related to any criminal convictions or pending

- 1 charges.
- 2 (iii) Information related to any regulatory or administrative
- 3 action and any civil litigation involving claims of fraud,
- 4 misrepresentation, conversion, mismanagement of funds, breach of
- 5 fiduciary duty, or breach of contract.
- **6** (2) If the individual has resided outside of the United States
- 7 at any time in the last 10 years, the individual shall also provide
- 8 an investigative background report prepared by an independent
- 9 search firm that meets both of the following requirements:
- 10 (a) At a minimum, both of the following apply to the search
- **11** firm:
- 12 (i) It shall demonstrate that it has sufficient knowledge,
- 13 resources, and employs accepted and reasonable methodologies to
- 14 conduct the research of the background report.
- (ii) It shall not be affiliated with or have an interest with
- 16 the individual it is researching.
- 17 (b) At a minimum, the investigative background report must be
- 18 written in the English language and contain all of the following:
- 19 (i) If available in the individual's current jurisdiction of
- 20 residency, a comprehensive credit report, or any equivalent
- 21 information obtained or generated by the independent search firm to
- 22 accomplish such report, including a search of the court data in the
- 23 countries, provinces, states, cities, towns, and contiguous areas
- 24 where the individual resided and worked.
- 25 (ii) Criminal records information for the past 10 years,
- 26 including, but not limited to, felonies, misdemeanors, or similar
- 27 convictions for violations of law in the countries, provinces,
- 28 states, cities, towns, and contiquous areas where the individual
- 29 resided and worked.

- 1 (iii) Employment history.
- 2 (iv) Media history, including an electronic search of national3 and local publications, wire services, and business applications.
- 4 (v) Financial services-related regulatory history, including
 5 but not limited to, money transmission, securities, banking,
 6 insurance, and mortgage- related industries.
- 7 Sec. 29. (1) When an application for an original license under this act appears to include all the items and addresses all of the 8 9 matters that are required, the application is complete and the 10 director shall promptly notify the applicant in a record of the 11 date on which the application is determined to be complete. The 12 director shall approve or deny the application within 120 days after the completion date. If the application is not approved or 13 14 denied within 120 days after the completion date, the application 15 is approved and the license takes effect as of the first business day after expiration of the 120-day period. The director may for 16 17 good cause extend the application period.
- 18 (2) A determination by the director that an application is
 19 complete and is accepted for processing means only that the
 20 application, on its face, appears to include all of the items,
 21 including the criminal background check response from the Federal
 22 Bureau of Investigation, and address all of the matters that are
 23 required, and is not an assessment of the substance of the
 24 application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.
- 25 (3) When an application is filed and considered complete under 26 this section, the director shall investigate the applicant's 27 financial condition and responsibility, financial and business 28 experience, character, and general fitness. The director may 29 conduct an on-site investigation of the applicant, the reasonable

- 1 cost of which the applicant must pay. The director shall issue a
- 2 license to an applicant under this section if the director finds
- 3 that both of the following conditions have been fulfilled:
- 4 (a) The applicant has complied with sections 25 and 27.
- 5 (b) The financial condition and responsibility, financial and
- 6 business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of
- 7 the applicant, and the competence, experience, character, and
- 8 general fitness of the key individuals and persons in control of
- 9 the applicant indicate that it is in the interest of the public to
- 10 permit the applicant to engage in money transmission.
- 11 (4) If an applicant avails itself or is otherwise subject to a
- 12 multistate licensing process, both of the following apply:
- 13 (a) The director may accept the investigation results of a
- 14 lead investigative state for the purpose of subsection (3) if the
- 15 lead investigative state has sufficient staffing, expertise, and
- 16 minimum standards.
- 17 (b) If Michigan is a lead investigative state, the director
- 18 may investigate the applicant under subsection (3) and the time
- 19 frames established by agreement through the multistate licensing
- 20 process, provided however, that in no case must such timeframe be
- 21 noncompliant with the application period in subsection (1).
- 22 (5) The director shall issue a formal written notice of the
- 23 denial of a license application within 30 days of the decision to
- 24 deny the application. The director shall set forth in the notice of
- 25 denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An
- 26 applicant whose application is denied by the director under this
- 27 subsection may appeal within 30 days after receipt of the written
- 28 notice of the denial and request a hearing on the denial.
- 29 (6) The initial license term begins on the day the application

- 1 is approved. The license expires on December 31 of the year in
- 2 which the license term began, unless the initial license date is
- 3 between November 1 and December 31, in which instance the initial
- 4 license term runs through December 31 of the following year.
- 5 Sec. 31. (1) By December 31 of each year, the director shall
- 6 establish a schedule of fees to be paid by applicants and licensees
- 7 during the next calendar year. In establishing license fees, the
- 8 director shall consider each licensee's business volume and number
- 9 of locations and any other business factors the director considers
- 10 reasonable in order to generate funds sufficient to pay, but not to
- 11 exceed, the office's reasonably anticipated costs of administering
- 12 this act.
- 13 (2) A license under this act must be renewed annually. An
- 14 annual renewal fee as set forth in subsection (1) must be paid no
- 15 more than 60 days before the license expiration.
- 16 (3) Except as provided in section 29(6), the renewal term is
- 17 for a period of 1 year and begins on January 1 of each year after
- 18 the initial license term and expires on December 31 of the year the
- 19 renewal term begins.
- 20 (4) A licensee shall submit a renewal report with the renewal
- 21 fee, in a form and in a medium prescribed by the director. The
- 22 renewal report must state or contain a description of each material
- 23 change in information submitted by the licensee in its original
- 24 license application which has not been reported to the director.
- 25 (5) The director on timely request may grant an extension of
- 26 the renewal date. If the director grants an extension, a licensee
- 27 who fails to submit to the director a renewal report or renewal fee
- 28 required under this section by December 31 is subject to a late fee
- of \$50.00 for each day the report is delinquent or \$5,000.00,

- 1 whichever is less.
- 2 (6) The director is authorized to utilize the nationwide
- 3 multistate licensing system and registry to process license
- 4 renewals provided that such functionality is consistent with this
- 5 section.
- 6 Sec. 33. (1) If a licensee does not continue to meet the
- 7 qualifications or satisfy the requirements that apply to an
- 8 applicant for a new money transmission license, the director may
- 9 suspend or revoke the licensee's license in accordance with the
- 10 procedures established by this act or other applicable state law
- 11 for such suspension or revocation.
- 12 (2) An applicant for a money transmission license shall
- 13 demonstrate that it meets or will meet, and a money transmission
- 14 licensee shall at all times meet, the requirements in sections 65,
- **15** 67, and 69.
- 16 ARTICLE 6
- 17 ACQUISITION OF CONTROL AND CHANGE OF KEY INDIVIDUAL
- 18 Sec. 35. (1) Any person, or group of persons acting in
- 19 concert, seeking to acquire control of a licensee shall obtain the
- 20 written approval of the director before acquiring control. An
- 21 individual is not deemed to acquire control of a licensee and is
- 22 not subject to these acquisition of control provisions when that
- 23 individual becomes a key individual in the ordinary course of
- 24 business.
- 25 (2) A person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking
- 26 to acquire control of a licensee shall, in cooperation with the
- 27 licensee, do both of the following:
- 28 (a) Submit an application in a form and in a medium prescribed
- 29 by the director.

- 1 (b) Submit a nonrefundable fee with the request for approval2 in an amount established by the director under section 31.
- 3 (3) On request, the director may permit a licensee or the 4 person, or group of persons acting in concert, to submit some or 5 all information required by the director under subsection (2)(a) 6 without using the nationwide multistate licensing system and 7 registry.
- 8 (4) The application required by subsection (2) (a) must include
 9 information required by section 27 for any new key individuals that
 10 have not previously completed the requirements of section 27 for a
 11 licensee.
 - (5) When an application for acquisition of control under this section appears to include all the items and address all of the matters that are required, the application must be considered complete and the director shall promptly notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and the director shall approve or deny the application within 60 days after the completion date. If the application is not approved or denied within 60 days after the completion date, the license continues until a decision is made. The director may for good cause extend the application period.
 - (6) A determination by the director that an application is complete and is accepted for processing means only that the application, on its face, appears to include all of the items and address all of the matters that are required, and is not an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.
- (7) When an application is filed and considered complete undersubsection (5), the director shall investigate the financial

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- 1 condition and responsibility, financial and business experience,
- 2 character, and general fitness of the person, or group of persons
- 3 acting in concert, seeking to acquire control. The director shall
- 4 approve an acquisition of control under this section if the
- 5 director finds that both of the following conditions have been
- 6 fulfilled:
- 7 (a) The requirements of subsections (2) and (4) have been met,
- 8 as applicable.
- 9 (b) The financial condition and responsibility, financial and
- 10 business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of
- 11 the person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to
- 12 acquire control, and the competence, experience, character, and
- 13 general fitness of the key individuals and persons that would be in
- 14 control of the licensee after the acquisition of control indicate
- 15 that it is in the interest of the public to permit the person, or
- 16 group of persons acting in concert, to control the licensee.
- 17 (8) If an applicant avails itself or is otherwise subject to a
- 18 multistate licensing process, the director may accept the
- 19 investigation results of a lead investigative state for the purpose
- 20 of subsection (7) if the lead investigative state has sufficient
- 21 staffing, expertise, and minimum standards, or if Michigan is a
- 22 lead investigative state, the director may investigate the
- 23 applicant in accordance with subsection (7) and the timeframes
- 24 established by agreement through the multistate licensing process.
- 25 The director shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of
- 26 an application to acquire control within 30 days of the decision to
- 27 deny the application. The director shall set forth in the notice of
- 28 denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An
- 29 applicant whose application is denied by the director under this

- subsection may appeal within 30 days after receipt of the writtennotice of the denial and request a hearing.
- 3 (9) The requirements of subsections (1) and (2) do not apply
 4 to any of the following:
- 5 (a) A person that acts as a proxy for the sole purpose of
 6 voting at a designated meeting of the shareholders or holders of
 7 voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or a person in
 8 control of a licensee.
- 9 (b) A person that acquires control of a licensee by devise or10 descent.
- 12 representative, custodian, guardian, conservator, or trustee, or as
 13 an officer appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction or by
 14 operation of law.
- (d) A person that is exempt under section 7(g).
- (e) A person that the director determines is not subject tosubsection (1) based on the public interest.
- 18 (f) A public offering of securities of a licensee or a person
 19 in control of a licensee.
- 20 (g) An internal reorganization of a person in control of the 21 licensee where the ultimate person in control of the licensee 22 remains the same.
- (10) Persons in subsection (9) (b), (c), (d), (f), and (g), in
 cooperation with the licensee, shall notify the director within 15
 days after the acquisition of control.
- 26 (11) The requirements of subsections (1) and (2) do not apply
 27 to a person that has complied with and received approval to engage
 28 in money transmission under this act or was identified as a person
 29 in control in a previous application filed with and approved by the

- 1 director or by an MSB accredited state in accordance with a
- 2 multistate licensing process, provided that all of the following
- 3 are true:
- 4 (a) The person has not had a license revoked or suspended or
- 5 controlled a licensee that has had a license revoked or suspended
- 6 while the person was in control of the licensee in the previous 5-
- 7 years.
- 8 (b) If the person is a licensee, the person is well managed
- 9 and has received at least a satisfactory rating for compliance at
- 10 its most recent examination by an MSB accredited state if such
- 11 rating was given.
- 12 (c) The licensee to be acquired is projected to meet the
- 13 requirements of sections 65, 67, and 69 after the acquisition of
- 14 control is completed, and if the person acquiring control is a
- 15 licensee, that licensee is also projected to meet the requirements
- 16 of sections 65, 67, and 69 after the acquisition of control is
- 17 completed.
- 18 (d) The licensee to be acquired will not implement any
- 19 material changes to its business plan as a result of the
- 20 acquisition of control, and if the person acquiring control is a
- 21 licensee, that licensee also will not implement any material
- 22 changes to its business plan as a result of the acquisition of
- 23 control.
- 24 (e) The person provides notice of the acquisition in
- 25 cooperation with the licensee and attests to subdivisions (a), (b),
- 26 (c), and (d) in a form and in a medium prescribed by the director.
- 27 (12) If the notice described in subsection (11) (e) is not
- 28 disapproved within 30 days after the date on which the notice was
- 29 determined to be complete, the notice is deemed approved.

- 1 (13) Before filing an application for approval to acquire
- 2 control of a licensee a person may request in writing a
- 3 determination from the director as to whether the person would be
- 4 considered a person in control of a licensee on consummation of a
- 5 proposed transaction. If the director determines that the person
- 6 would not be a person in control of a licensee, the proposed person
- 7 and transaction is not subject to the requirements of subsections
- 8 (1) and (2).
- 9 (14) If a multistate licensing process includes a
- 10 determination under subsection (13) and an applicant avails itself
- 11 or is otherwise subject to the multistate licensing process, either
- 12 of the following apply:
- 13 (a) The director is authorized to accept the control
- 14 determination of a lead investigative state with sufficient
- 15 staffing, expertise, and minimum standards for the purpose of
- **16** subsection (13).
- 17 (b) If Michigan is a lead investigative state, the director is
- 18 authorized to investigate the applicant under subsection (13) and
- 19 the timeframes established by agreement through the multistate
- 20 licensing process.
- Sec. 37. (1) A licensee adding or replacing any key individual
- 22 shall do both of the following:
- 23 (a) Provide notice in a manner prescribed by the director
- 24 within 15 days after the effective date of the key individual's
- 25 appointment.
- 26 (b) Provide information as required by section 27 within 45
- 27 days of the effective date.
- 28 (2) Within 90 days of the date on which the notice provided
- 29 under subsection (1) was determined to be complete, the director

- 1 may issue a notice of disapproval of a key individual if the
- 2 competence, experience, character, or integrity of the individual
- 3 would not be in the best interests of the public or the customers
- 4 of the licensee to permit the individual to be a key individual of
- 5 such licensee.
- **6** (3) A notice of disapproval must contain a statement of the
- 7 basis for disapproval and must be sent to the licensee and the
- 8 disapproved individual. A licensee may appeal a notice of
- 9 disapproval within 30 days after receipt of such notice of
- 10 disapproval.
- 11 (4) If the notice provided under subsection (1) is not
- 12 disapproved within 90 days after the date on which the notice was
- 13 determined to be complete, the key individual is deemed approved.
- 14 (5) If a multistate licensing process includes a key
- 15 individual notice review and disapproval process in accordance with
- 16 this section and the licensee avails itself or is otherwise subject
- 17 to the multistate licensing process, both of the following apply:
- 18 (a) The director is authorized to accept the determination of
- 19 another state if the investigating state has sufficient staffing,
- 20 expertise, and minimum standards for the purpose of this section.
- 21 (b) If Michigan is a lead investigative state, the director is
- 22 authorized to investigate the applicant under subsection (2) and
- 23 the timeframes established by agreement through the multistate
- 24 licensing process.
- 25 ARTICLE 7
- 26 REPORTING AND RECORDS
- Sec. 39. (1) Each licensee shall submit a report of condition
- 28 within 45 days of the end of the calendar quarter, or within any
- 29 extended time as the director may prescribe.

- 1 (2) The report of condition must include all of the following:
- 2 (a) Financial information at the licensee level.
- 3 (b) Nationwide and state-specific money transmission
 4 transaction information in every jurisdiction in the United States
 5 where the licensee is licensed to engage in money transmission.
 - (c) Permissible investments report.
- 7 (d) Transaction destination country reporting for money8 received for transmission, if applicable.
- 9 (e) Any other information the director reasonably requires
 10 with respect to the licensee. The director is authorized to utilize
 11 the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry for the
 12 submission of the report required by subsection (1) and is
 13 authorized to update as necessary the requirements of this section
 14 to carry out the purposes of this act and maintain consistency with
 15 the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry reporting.
- 16 (3) The information required by subdivision (2) (d) must only
 17 be included in a report of condition submitted within 45 days of
 18 the end of the fourth calendar quarter.
- Sec. 41. (1) Each licensee shall, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, or within any extended time as the director may prescribe, file both of the following with the director:
- (a) An audited financial statement of the licensee for the
 fiscal year prepared in accordance with United States generally
 accepted accounting principles.
- (b) Any other information as the director may reasonablyrequire.
- (2) The audited financial statements must be prepared by an
 independent certified public accountant or independent public
 accountant who is satisfactory to the director.

- 1 (3) The audited financial statements must include or be
- 2 accompanied by a certificate of opinion of the independent
- 3 certified public accountant or independent public accountant that
- 4 is satisfactory in form and content to the director. If the
- 5 certificate or opinion is qualified, the director may order the
- 6 licensee to take any action as the director may find necessary to
- 7 enable the independent certified public accountant or independent
- 8 public accountant to remove the qualification.
- 9 Sec. 43. (1) Each licensee shall submit a report of authorized
- 10 delegates within 45 days of the end of the calendar quarter. The
- 11 director may utilize the nationwide multistate licensing system and
- 12 registry for the submission of the report required by this
- 13 subsection provided that such functionality is consistent with the
- 14 requirements of this section.
- 15 (2) The authorized delegate report must include, at a minimum,
- 16 all of the following related to each authorized delegate:
- 17 (a) Company legal name.
- (b) Taxpayer employer identification number.
- 19 (c) Principal provider identifier.
- 20 (d) Physical address.
- 21 (e) Mailing address.
- (f) Any business conducted in other states.
- 23 (g) Any assumed name or trade name.
- 24 (h) Contact person name, phone number, and email.
- 25 (i) Start date as licensee's authorized delegate.
- 26 (j) End date acting as licensee's authorized delegate, if
- 27 applicable.
- 28 (k) Any other information the director reasonably requires
- 29 with respect to the authorized delegate.

- 1 Sec. 45. (1) A licensee shall file a report with the director
- 2 within 1 business day after the licensee has reason to know of the
- 3 occurrence of any of the following events:
- 4 (a) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee under
- 5 11 USC 101 to 110, for bankruptcy or reorganization.
- 6 (b) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee for
- 7 receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or
- 8 administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or
- 9 the making of a general assignment for the benefit of its
- 10 creditors.
- 11 (c) The commencement of a proceeding to revoke or suspend its
- 12 license in a state or country in which the licensee engages in
- 13 business or is licensed.
- 14 (2) A licensee shall file a report with the director within 3
- 15 business days after the licensee has reason to know of the
- 16 occurrence of any of the following events:
- 17 (a) A charge or conviction of the licensee or of a key
- 18 individual or person in control of the licensee for a felony.
- 19 (b) A charge or conviction of an authorized delegate for a
- 20 felony.
- Sec. 47. A licensee and an authorized delegate shall file all
- 22 reports required by federal currency reporting, record keeping, and
- 23 suspicious activity reporting requirements as set forth in the bank
- 24 secrecy act and other federal and state laws pertaining to money
- 25 laundering. The timely filing of a complete and accurate report
- 26 required under this section with the appropriate federal agency is
- 27 deemed compliant with the requirements of this section.
- Sec. 49. (1) A licensee shall maintain all of the following
- 29 records, for determining its compliance with this act for at least

- **1** 3 years:
- 2 (a) A record of each outstanding money transmission obligation
- 3 sold.
- 4 (b) A general ledger posted at least monthly containing all
- 5 asset, liability, capital, income, and expense accounts.
- 6 (c) Bank statements and bank reconciliation records.
- 7 (d) Records of each outstanding money transmission obligation.
- 8 (e) Records of each outstanding money transmission obligation
- 9 paid within the 3-year period.
- 10 (f) A list of the last known names and addresses of all of the
- 11 licensee's authorized delegates.
- 12 (g) Any other records the director reasonably requires by
- 13 rule.
- 14 (2) The items specified in subsection (1) may be maintained in
- 15 any form of record.
- 16 (3) Records specified in subsection (1) may be maintained
- 17 outside this state if they are made accessible to the director on 7
- 18 business-days' notice that is sent in a record.
- 19 (4) All records maintained by the licensee as required in
- 20 subsections (1), (2), and (3) are open to inspection by the
- 21 director in accordance with section 15(1).
- 22 ARTICLE 8
- 23 AUTHORIZED DELEGATES
- Sec. 51. (1) Before a licensee is authorized to conduct
- 25 business through an authorized delegate or allows a person to act
- 26 as the licensee's authorized delegate, the licensee must do all of
- 27 the following:
- 28 (a) Adopt, and update as necessary, written policies and
- 29 procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the licensee's

- 1 authorized delegates comply with applicable state and federal law.
- 2 (b) Enter into a written contract that complies with3 subsection (3).
- 4 (c) Conduct a reasonable risk-based background investigation
 5 sufficient for the licensee to determine whether the authorized
 6 delegate has complied and will likely comply with applicable state
 7 and federal law.
- 8 (2) An authorized delegate shall operate in full compliance9 with this act.
- 10 (3) The written contract required by subsection (1) must be
 11 signed by the licensee and the authorized delegate and, at a
 12 minimum, must do all of the following:
- (a) Appoint the person signing the contract as the licensee's
 authorized delegate with the authority to conduct money
 transmission on behalf of the licensee.
- (b) Set forth the nature and scope of the relationship between the licensee and the authorized delegate and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties.
- (c) Require the authorized delegate to agree to fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to money transmission, including this act and regulations implementing this act, relevant provisions of the bank secrecy act and the united and strengthening America by providing appropriate tools required to intercept and obstruct terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) act of 2001, Public Law 107-56.
- (d) Require the authorized delegate to remit and handle money
 and monetary value in accordance with the terms of the contract
 between the licensee and the authorized delegate.
- 29 (e) Impose a trust on money and monetary value net of fees

- 1 received for money transmission for the benefit of the licensee.
- 2 (f) Require the authorized delegate to prepare and maintain
 3 records as required by this act or regulations implementing this
 4 act, or as reasonably requested by the director.
- 5 (g) Acknowledge that the authorized delegate consents to6 examination or investigation by the director.
- 7 (h) State that the licensee is subject to regulation by the
 8 director and that, as part of that regulation, the director may
 9 suspend or revoke an authorized delegate designation or require the
 10 licensee to terminate an authorized delegate designation.
 - (i) Acknowledge receipt of the written policies and procedures required under subsection (1)(a).
 - (4) If the licensee's license is suspended, revoked, surrendered, or expired, the licensee must, within 5 business days, provide documentation to the director that the licensee has notified all applicable authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a record filed with the director of the suspension, revocation, surrender, or expiration of a license. On suspension, revocation, surrender, or expiration of a license, applicable authorized delegates shall immediately cease to provide money transmission as an authorized delegate of the licensee.
 - (5) An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money transmission. If any authorized delegate commingles any funds received from money transmission with any other funds or property owned or controlled by the authorized delegate, all commingled funds and other property must be considered held in trust in favor of the licensee in an amount equal to the amount of money net of fees received from money transmission.

- (6) An authorized delegate may not use a subdelegate to
 conduct money transmission on behalf of a licensee.
- 3 (7) As used in this section, "remit" means to make direct
 4 payments of money to a licensee or its representative authorized to
 5 receive money or to deposit money in a bank in an account specified
 6 by the licensee.
- Sec. 53. A person shall not engage in the business of money transmission on behalf of a person not licensed under this act or not exempt under article 3. A person that engages in such activity provides money transmission to the same extent as if the person were a licensee, and shall be jointly and severally liable with the unlicensed or nonexempt person.
- 13 ARTICLE 9
- 14 TIMELY TRANSMISSION, REFUNDS, AND DISCLOSURES
- Sec. 55. (1) Every licensee shall forward all money received for transmission in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the sender unless the licensee has a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe that the sender may be a victim of fraud or that a crime or violation of law, rule, or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur.
- 21 (2) If a licensee fails to forward money received for 22 transmission in accordance with this section, the licensee shall 23 respond to inquiries by the sender with the reason for the failure 24 unless providing a response would violate a state or federal law, 25 rule, or regulation.
- Sec. 57. (1) This section does not apply to either of the following:
- (a) Money received for transmission subject to 12 CFR 1005.30to 1005.36.

- (b) Money received for transmission under a written agreement
 between the licensee and payee to process payments for goods or
 services provided by the payee.
- 4 (2) Every licensee shall refund to the sender within 10 days
 5 of receipt of the sender's written request for a refund of any and
 6 all money received for transmission unless any of the following
 7 occurs:
- 8 (a) The money has been forwarded within 10 days of the date on9 which the money was received for transmission.
- 10 (b) Instructions have been given committing an equivalent
 11 amount of money to the person designated by the sender within 10
 12 days of the date on which the money was received for transmission.
- 13 (c) The agreement between the licensee and the sender
 14 instructs the licensee to forward the money at a time that is
 15 beyond 10 days of the date on which the money was received for
 16 transmission. If funds have not yet been forwarded in accordance
 17 with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the
 18 sender, the licensee shall issue a refund in accordance with the
 19 other provisions of this section.
- (d) The refund is requested for a transaction that the
 licensee has not completed based on a reasonable belief or a
 reasonable basis to believe that a crime or violation of law, rule,
 or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur.
- 24 (e) The refund request does not enable the licensee to do
 25 either of the following:
- (i) Identify the sender's name and address or telephone number.
- (ii) Identify the particular transaction to be refunded in the event the sender has multiple transactions outstanding.
- Sec. 59. (1) Every licensee or its authorized delegate shall

- 1 provide the sender a receipt for money received for transmission.
- 2 The receipt must contain the name of the sender, the name of the
- 3 designated recipient, the date of the transaction, the unique
- 4 transaction or identification number, the name of the licensee, the
- 5 nationwide multistate licensing system and registry unique ID, the
- 6 licensee's business address, and the licensee's customer service
- 7 telephone number, the amount of the transaction in United States
- 8 dollars, any fee charged by the licensee to the sender for the
- 9 transaction, and any taxes collected by the licensee from the
- 10 sender for the transaction. The receipt required by this subsection
- 11 must be in English and in the language principally used by the
- 12 licensee or authorized delegate to advertise, solicit, or
- 13 negotiate, either orally or in writing, for a transaction conducted
- 14 in person, electronically or by phone, if other than English.
- 15 (2) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- 16 (a) Money received for transmission subject to 12 CFR 1005.30
- **17** to 1005.36.
- 18 (b) Money received for transmission that is not primarily for
- 19 personal, family, or household purposes.
- 20 (c) Money received for transmission under a written agreement
- 21 between the licensee and the payee to process payments for goods or
- 22 services provided by the payee.
- 23 (d) Payroll processing services.
- 24 (3) As used in this section, "receipt" means a paper receipt,
- 25 electronic record, or other written confirmation. For a transaction
- 26 conducted in person, the receipt may be provided electronically if
- 27 the sender requests or agrees to receive an electronic receipt. For
- 28 a transaction conducted electronically or by phone, a receipt may
- 29 be provided electronically. All electronic receipts must be

- 1 provided in a retainable form.
- 2 Sec. 61. Every licensee or authorized delegate shall include
- 3 on a receipt or disclose on the licensee's website or mobile
- 4 application the name and phone number of the department and a
- 5 statement that the licensee's customers can contact the department
- 6 with questions or complaints about the licensee's money
- 7 transmission services.
- 8 Sec. 63. (1) A licensee that provides payroll processing
- 9 services shall do both of the following:
- 10 (a) Issue reports to clients detailing client payroll
- 11 obligations in advance of the payroll funds being deducted from an
- 12 account.
- 13 (b) Make available worker paystubs or an equivalent statement
- 14 to workers.
- 15 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a licensee providing
- 16 payroll processing services where the licensee's client designates
- 17 the intended recipients to the licensee and is responsible for
- 18 providing the disclosures required by subsection (1)(b).
- 19 ARTICLE 10
- 20 PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS
- Sec. 65. (1) A licensee shall maintain at all times a tangible
- 22 net worth of the greater of \$100,000.00 or 3% of total assets for
- 23 the first \$100,000,000.00, 2% of additional assets for
- 24 \$100,000,000.00 to \$1,000,000,000.00, and 0.5% of additional assets
- 25 for over \$1,000,000,000.00.
- 26 (2) Tangible net worth must be demonstrated at initial
- 27 application by the applicant's most recent audited or unaudited
- 28 financial statements in accordance with section 25(2)(f).
- 29 (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section,

- 1 the director has the authority, for good cause shown, to exempt,
- 2 in-part or in whole, from the requirements of this section any
- 3 applicant or licensee.
- 4 Sec. 67. (1) An applicant for a money transmission license
- 5 must provide, and a licensee at all times shall maintain, security
- 6 consisting of a surety bond in a form satisfactory to the director
- 7 or, with the director's approval, a deposit instead of a bond in
- 8 accordance with this section.
- **9** (2) The amount of the required security is either of the
- 10 following:
- 11 (a) The greater of \$100,000.00 or an amount equal to 100% of
- 12 the licensee's average daily money transmission liability in this
- 13 state calculated for the most recently completed 3-month period, up
- 14 to a maximum of \$500,000.00.
- 15 (b) In the event that the licensee's tangible net worth
- 16 exceeds 10% of total assets, the licensee shall maintain a surety
- 17 bond of \$100,000.00.
- 18 (3) A licensee that maintains a bond in the maximum amount
- 19 provided for in subsection (2)(a) or (b), as applicable, shall not
- 20 be required to calculate its average daily money transmission
- 21 liability in this state for purposes of this section.
- 22 (4) A licensee may exceed the maximum required bond amount
- 23 under section 71(1)(d).
- 24 Sec. 69. (1) A licensee shall maintain at all times
- 25 permissible investments that have a market value computed in
- 26 accordance with United States generally accepted accounting
- 27 principles of not less than the aggregate amount of all of its
- 28 outstanding money transmission obligations.
- 29 (2) Except for permissible investments enumerated in section

- 1 71(1), the director, with respect to any licensee, may by rule or
- 2 order limit the extent to which a specific investment maintained by
- 3 a licensee within a class of permissible investments may be
- 4 considered a permissible investment, if the specific investment
- 5 represents undue risk to customers, not reflected in the market
- 6 value of investments.
- 7 (3) Permissible investments, even if commingled with other
- 8 assets of the licensee, are held in trust for the benefit of the
- 9 purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding money
- 10 transmission obligations in the event of insolvency, the filing of
- 11 a petition by or against the licensee under 11 USC 101 to 110, for
- 12 bankruptcy or reorganization, the filing of a petition by or
- 13 against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of any
- 14 other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or
- 15 reorganization, or in the event of an action by a creditor against
- 16 the licensee who is not a beneficiary of this statutory trust. No
- 17 permissible investments impressed with a trust under this
- 18 subsection is subject to attachment, levy of execution, or
- 19 sequestration by order of any court, except for a beneficiary of
- 20 this statutory trust.
- 21 (4) On the establishment of a statutory trust in accordance
- 22 with subsection (3) or when any funds are drawn on a letter of
- 23 credit under section 71(1)(e), the director shall notify the
- 24 applicable regulator of each state in which the licensee is
- 25 licensed to engage in money transmission, if any, of the
- 26 establishment of the trust or the funds drawn on the letter of
- 27 credit, as applicable. Notice must be deemed satisfied if performed
- 28 in accordance with a multistate agreement or through the nationwide
- 29 multistate licensing system and registry. Funds drawn on a letter

- 1 of credit, and any other permissible investments held in trust for
- 2 the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's
- 3 outstanding money transmission obligations, are deemed held in
- 4 trust for the benefit of such purchasers and holders on a pro rata
- 5 and equitable basis in accordance with statutes under which
- 6 permissible investments are required to be held in this state, and
- 7 other states, as applicable. Any statutory trust established
- 8 hereunder must be terminated on extinguishment of all of the
- 9 licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations.
- 10 (5) The director by rule or by order may allow other types of
- 11 investments that the director determines are of sufficient
- 12 liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment. The director
- 13 is authorized to participate in efforts with other state regulators
- 14 to determine that other types of investments are of sufficient
- 15 liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment.
- 16 Sec. 71. (1) The following investments are permissible under
- **17** section 69:
- 18 (a) Cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits, and
- 19 funds in such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's
- 20 customers in a federally insured depository financial institution,
- 21 and cash equivalents including ACH items in transit to the licensee
- 22 and ACH items or international wires in transit to a payee, cash in
- 23 transit via armored car, cash in smart safes, cash in licensee-
- 24 owned locations, debit card or credit card-funded transmission
- 25 receivables owed by any bank, or money market mutual funds rated
- 26 "AAA" by S&P, or the equivalent from any eligible rating service.
- 27 (b) Certificates of deposit or senior debt obligations of an
- 28 insured depository institution, as defined in section 3 of the
- 29 federal deposit insurance act, 12 USC 1813, or an insured credit

- 1 union, as defined under 12 USC 1752.
- 2 (c) An obligation of the United States or a commission,
- 3 agency, or instrumentality thereof, an obligation that is
- 4 guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States,
- 5 or an obligation of a state or a governmental subdivision, agency,
- 6 or instrumentality thereof.
- 7 (d) One hundred percent of the surety bond or deposit provided
- 8 for under section 67.
- **9** (e) The full drawable amount of an irrevocable standby letter
- 10 of credit for which the stated beneficiary is the director that
- 11 stipulates that the beneficiary need only draw a sight draft under
- 12 the letter of credit and present it to obtain funds up to the
- 13 letter of credit amount within 7 days of presentation of the items
- 14 required by subsection (4).
- 15 (2) All of the following apply to letter of credit under
- **16** subsection (1)(e):
- 17 (a) It must be issued by a federally insured depository
- 18 financial institution, a foreign bank that is authorized under
- 19 federal law to maintain a federal agency or federal branch office
- 20 in a state or states, or a foreign bank that is authorized under
- 21 state law to maintain a branch in a state to which either of the
- 22 following apply:
- 23 (i) It bears an eligible rating or whose parent company bears
- 24 an eligible rating.
- 25 (ii) It is regulated, supervised, and examined by United States
- 26 federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over
- 27 banks, credit unions, and trust companies.
- 28 (b) It must be irrevocable, unconditional, and indicate that
- 29 it is not subject to any condition or qualifications outside of the

- 1 letter of credit.
- 2 (c) It must not contain reference to any other agreements,
- 3 documents or entities, or otherwise provide for any security
- 4 interest in the licensee.
- 5 (d) It must contain an issue date and expiration date, and
- 6 expressly provide for automatic extension, without a written
- 7 amendment, for an additional period of 1 year from the present or
- 8 each future expiration date, unless the issuer of the letter of
- 9 credit notifies the director in writing by certified or registered
- 10 mail or courier mail or other receipted means, at least 60 days
- 11 before any expiration date, that the irrevocable letter of credit
- 12 will not be extended.
- 13 (3) In the event of any notice of expiration or non-extension
- 14 of a letter of credit issued under subsection (2)(d), the licensee
- 15 shall be required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
- 16 director, 15 days before expiration, that the licensee maintains
- 17 and will maintain permissible investments in accordance with
- 18 section 69(1) on the expiration of the letter of credit. If the
- 19 licensee is not able to do so, the director may draw on the letter
- 20 of credit in an amount up to the amount necessary to meet the
- 21 licensee's requirements to maintain permissible investments in
- 22 accordance with section 69(1). Any such draw must be offset against
- 23 the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations. The
- 24 drawn funds must be held in trust by the director or the director's
- 25 designated agent, to the extent authorized by law, as agent for the
- 26 benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding
- 27 money transmission obligations.
- 28 (4) The letter of credit under subsection (1)(e) must provide
- 29 that the issuer of the letter of credit will honor, at sight, a

- 1 presentation made by the beneficiary to the issuer all of the
- 2 following documents on or before the expiration date of the letter
- 3 of credit:
- 4 (a) The original letter of credit, including any amendments.
- 5 (b) A written statement from the beneficiary stating that any
- 6 of the following events have occurred:
- 7 (i) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee under
- 8 11 USC 101 to 110, for bankruptcy or reorganization.
- $\mathbf{9}$ (ii) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee for
- 10 receivership, or the commencement of any other judicial or
- 11 administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization.
- 12 (iii) The seizure of assets of a licensee by a director under an
- 13 emergency order issued in accordance with applicable law on the
- 14 basis of an action, violation, or condition that has caused or is
- 15 likely to cause the insolvency of the licensee.
- 16 (iv) The beneficiary has received notice of expiration or non-
- 17 extension of a letter of credit and the licensee failed to
- 18 demonstrate to the satisfaction of the beneficiary that the
- 19 licensee will maintain permissible investments in accordance with
- 20 section 69(1) on the expiration or non-extension of the letter of
- 21 credit.
- 22 (5) The director may designate an agent to serve on the
- 23 director's behalf as beneficiary to a letter of credit under
- 24 subsection (1)(e) so long as the agent and letter of credit meet
- 25 requirements established by the director. The director's agent may
- 26 serve as agent for multiple licensing authorities for a single
- 27 irrevocable letter of credit if the proceeds of the drawable amount
- 28 for the purposes of subsection (1)(e) are assigned to the director.
- 29 (6) The director is authorized to participate in multistate

- 1 processes designed to facilitate the issuance and administration of
- 2 letters of credit under subsection (1)(e), including, but not
- 3 limited to, services provided by the nationwide multistate
- 4 licensing system and registry and State Regulatory Registry, LLC.
- 5 (7) Unless permitted by the director by rule or by order to
- 6 exceed the limit as set forth herein, all of the following
- 7 investments are permissible under section 69 to the extent
- 8 specified:
- 9 (a) Receivables that are payable to a licensee from its
- 10 authorized delegates in the ordinary course of business that are
- 11 less than 7 days old, up to 50% of the aggregate value of the
- 12 licensee's total permissible investments.
- 13 (b) Of the receivables permissible under subdivision (a),
- 14 receivables that are payable to a licensee from a single authorized
- 15 delegate in the ordinary course of business may not exceed 10% of
- 16 the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible
- 17 investments.
- 18 (c) The following investments are permissible up to 20% per
- 19 category and combined up to 50% of the aggregate value of the
- 20 licensee's total permissible investments:
- 21 (i) A short-term, up to 6 months, investment bearing an
- 22 eligible rating.
- 23 (ii) Commercial paper bearing an eligible rating.
- 24 (iii) A bill, note, bond, or debenture bearing an eligible
- 25 rating.
- 26 (iv) United States tri-party repurchase agreements
- 27 collateralized at 100% or more with United States government or
- 28 agency securities, municipal bonds, or other securities bearing an
- 29 eligible rating.

- 1 (ν) Money market mutual funds rated less than "AAA" and equal 2 to or higher than "A-" by S&P, or the equivalent from any other
- 3 eligible rating service.
- $\mathbf{4}$ (vi) A mutual fund or other investment fund composed solely and
- 5 exclusively of one or more permissible investments listed in
- 6 subsection (1)(a) to (c).
- 7 (d) Cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits, and
- 8 funds in such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's
- 9 customers, at foreign depository institutions are permissible up to
- 10 10% of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible
- 11 investments, if all of the following apply to the foreign
- 12 depository institution:
- 13 (i) It has an eligible rating.
- 14 (ii) It is registered in accordance with subtitle A of title V
- 15 of the hiring incentives to restore employment act, Public Law 111-
- **16** 147.
- 17 (iii) It is not located in any country subject to sanctions from
- 18 the Office of Foreign Asset Control.
- 19 (iv) It is not located in a high-risk or non-cooperative
- 20 jurisdiction as designated by the Financial Action Task Force.
- 21 ARTICLE 11
- 22 ENFORCEMENT
- Sec. 73. (1) The director may suspend or revoke a license or
- 24 order a licensee to revoke the designation of an authorized
- 25 delegate under any of the following circumstances:
- 26 (a) The licensee violates this act, a rule promulgated under
- 27 this act, an order or declaratory ruling issued under this act, or
- 28 any applicable state or federal law.
- 29 (b) The licensee does not cooperate with an examination or

- 1 investigation by the director.
- 2 (c) The licensee engages in fraud, intentional
- 3 misrepresentation, or gross negligence.
- 4 (d) An authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a
- 5 state or federal anti-money laundering statute, or violates a rule
- 6 adopted or an order issued under this act, as a result of the
- 7 licensee's willful misconduct or willful blindness, as that term is
- 8 defined in section 4701 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961
- **9** PA 236, MCL 600.4701.
- 10 (e) The competence, experience, character, or general fitness
- 11 of the licensee, authorized delegate, person in control of a
- 12 licensee, key individual, or responsible person of the authorized
- 13 delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit
- 14 the person to provide money transmission.
- 15 (f) Subject to subsection (2), the licensee engages in an
- 16 unsafe or unsound practice.
- 17 (g) The licensee fails to maintain the minimum net worth
- 18 required under section 65 or is insolvent, suspends payment of its
- 19 obligations, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its
- 20 creditors.
- 21 (h) The licensee does not remove an authorized delegate after
- 22 the director issues and serves on the licensee a final order
- 23 including a finding that the authorized delegate has violated this
- **24** act.
- 25 (2) In determining whether a licensee is engaging in an unsafe
- 26 or unsound practice, the director may consider the size and
- 27 condition of the licensee's money transmission, the magnitude of
- 28 the loss, the gravity of the violation of this act, and the
- 29 previous conduct of the person involved.

- Sec. 75. (1) If in the opinion of the director a licensee or an authorized delegate is, has, or is about to engage in a practice that poses a threat of financial loss or threat to the public welfare or is, has, or is about to violate a law, rule, or order, the director may issue and serve on the licensee or authorized delegate a cease and desist order under this section.
- 7 (2) A cease and desist order issued under this section must 8 contain a statement of the facts constituting the alleged practice 9 or violation. A person ordered to cease and desist must be entitled 10 to a hearing before the commissioner if a written request for a 11 hearing is filed with the commissioner not more than 30 days after 12 the effective date of the order. A hearing must be conducted in 13 accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedures act 14 of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
 - (3) A licensee or authorized delegate ordered to cease and desist may consent to issuance of a cease and desist order under this section. A licensee or authorized delegate ordered to cease and desist also consents to the issuance of the cease and desist order if the licensee or a duly authorized representative of the licensee fails to appear at a hearing described in subsection (2).
- (4) If a licensee or authorized delegate consents under 21 subsection (3), or if the director finds based on the record made 22 23 at the hearing that the practice or violation specified in the 24 order is established, the cease and desist order becomes final. The 25 order may require the licensee or authorized delegate and its 26 officers, directors, members, partners, trustees, employees, agents, or control persons to cease and desist from the practice or 27 violation and to take affirmative action to correct the conditions 28 29 resulting from the practice or violation.

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- 1 (5) Except as provided in subsection (6) or to the extent it
 2 is stayed, modified, terminated, or set aside by the director or a
 3 court, a cease and desist order is effective on the date of
 4 service.
- (6) A cease and desist order issued with a licensee's or
 authorized delegate's consent is effective at the time specified in
 the order and remains effective and enforceable as provided in the
 order.
- 9 Sec. 77. (1) If in the opinion of the director a person has 10 engaged in fraud or has been convicted of a criminal violation involving money laundering, the director may serve on that person a 11 12 written notice of intention to prohibit that person from being employed by an agent of, or a control person of a licensee under 13 14 this act, or a licensee or registrant under a financial licensing 15 act. As used in this subsection, "fraud" includes actionable fraud, 16 actual or constructive fraud, criminal fraud, extrinsic or intrinsic fraud, fraud in the execution, in the inducement, in 17 18 fact, or in law, or any other form of fraud.
- 19 (2) A notice issued under subsection (1) must contain a
 20 statement of the facts supporting the prohibition and, except as
 21 provided under subsection (7), set a time and date for a hearing,
 22 within 60 days after the date of the notice. If the person does not
 23 appear at the hearing, the person consents to the issuance of an
 24 order in accordance with the notice.
- 25 (3) If, after a hearing held under subsection (2), the 26 director finds that any of the grounds specified in the notice have 27 been established, the director may issue an order of suspension or 28 prohibition from being a licensee or registrant or from being 29 employed by, an agent of, or a control person of any licensee under

- this act or a licensee or registrant under any financial licensing
 act.
- (4) An order issued under subsection (2) or (3) is effective
 when served on the person subject to the order. The director shall
 also serve a copy of the order on the licensee of which the person
 is an employee, agent, or control person. The order remains in
 effect until it is stayed, modified, terminated, or set aside by
 the director or a reviewing court.
 - (5) After 5 years from the date of an order issued under subsection (2) or (3), the person subject to the order may apply to the director to terminate the order.
 - (6) If the director considers that a person served a notice under subsection (1) poses an imminent threat of financial loss to purchasers of payment instruments from a licensee, the director may serve on the person an order of suspension from being employed by, an agent of, or a control person of any licensee. The suspension is effective on the date the order is issued and, unless stayed by a court, remains in effect pending the completion of a review as provided under this section and until the director has dismissed the charges specified in the order.
 - (7) Unless otherwise agreed to by the director and the person served with an order issued under subsection (6), the director shall hold the hearing required under subsection (2) to review a suspension not earlier than 5 days or later than 20 days after the date of the notice.
- 26 (8) If a person is convicted of a felony involving fraud, 27 dishonesty, breach of trust, or money laundering, the director may 28 issue an order suspending or prohibiting that person from being a 29 licensee and from being employed by, an agent of, or a control

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- person of any licensee under this act or a licensee or registrant
 under a financial licensing act. After 5 years from the date of the
 order, the person subject to the order may apply to the director to
 terminate the order.
- (9) The director shall mail a copy of any notice or order
 issued under this section to the licensee of which the person
 subject to the notice or order is an employee, agent, or control
 person.
- 9 Sec. 79. The director may enter into a consent order at any 10 time with a person to resolve a matter arising under this act or a 11 rule adopted or order issued under this act. A consent order must 12 be signed by the person to whom it is issued or by the person's authorized representative, and must indicate agreement with the 13 14 terms contained in the order. A consent order may provide that it 15 does not constitute an admission by a person that this act or a 16 rule adopted or an order issued under this act has been violated.
 - Sec. 81. (1) A person that intentionally makes a false statement, misrepresentation, or false certification in any record or document filed or required to be maintained under this act or that intentionally makes a false entry or omits a material entry in a record is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$100,000.00, or both.
 - (2) A person that engages in criminal fraud in the conduct of its money transmission services business is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$100,000.00, or both.
- 27 (3) A person that knowingly engages in an activity for which a
 28 license is required under this act and is not licensed under this
 29 act is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more

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- 1 than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$100,000.00, or both. A
- 2 court shall order a person convicted of violating subsection (1) or
- 3 (2) to pay restitution as provided in section 1a of chapter IX of
- 4 the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1a, and the
- 5 William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL
- 6 780.751 to 780.834.
- 7 Sec. 83. The director may assess a civil fine against a person
- 8 that violates this act or a rule adopted or an order issued under
- 9 this act in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per day for each day
- 10 the violation is outstanding, plus this state's costs and expenses
- 11 for the investigation and prosecution of the matter, including
- 12 reasonable attorney fees.
- 13 ARTICLE 12
- 14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
- 15 Sec. 85. In applying and construing this act, consideration
- 16 must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with
- 17 respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.
- 18 Sec. 87. If any provision of this act or its application to
- 19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not
- 20 affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be
- 21 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
- 22 this end the provisions of this act are severable.
- 23 Sec. 89. (1) A person licensed in this state to engage in the
- 24 business of money transmission shall not be subject to the
- 25 provisions of this act, to the extent that the provisions conflict
- 26 with current law or establish new requirements not imposed under
- 27 current law, until July 1, 2025.
- 28 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a licensee shall only be
- 29 required to amend its authorized delegate contracts for contracts

- 1 entered into or amended after January 1, 2025 or the completion of
- 2 any transition period contemplated under subsection (1). Nothing
- 3 herein shall be construed as limiting an authorized delegate's
- 4 obligations to operate in full compliance with this act as required
- 5 by section 51(2).
- **6** (3) A person providing payroll processing services in this
- 7 state without a license shall not be considered in violation of
- 8 section 21 if the person applies for a license before July 1, 2025.
- 9 The director may for good cause extend the transition period in
- 10 conjunction with the extension of an application period.
- 11 Enacting section 1. The money transmission services act, 2006
- 12 PA 250, MCL 487.1001 to 487.1047, is repealed effective July 1,
- **13** 2025.
- 14 Enacting section 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2025.