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SENATE BILL 25-079

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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

### **Bill Summary**

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

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

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

HOUSE 3rd Reading Unamended April 25, 2025

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading

SENATE 3rd Reading Unamended February 28, 2025

SENATE Amended 2nd Reading February 27, 2025

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. <u>Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1	FOR NONDELIVERY OR DELAYED DELIVERY OF THE CURRENCY FOR WHICH
2	THE CUSTOMER EXCHANGED VIRTUAL CURRENCY; AND
3	(f) A STATEMENT OF THE REFUND POLICY OF THE OWNER OR
4	OPERATOR.
5	(6) (a) FOR A NEW CUSTOMER, THE MAXIMUM DAILY TRANSACTION
6	LIMIT OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK IS TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER
7	CUSTOMER.
8	(b) FOR AN EXISTING CUSTOMER, THE MAXIMUM DAILY
9	TRANSACTION LIMIT OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK IS TEN THOUSAND
10	FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CUSTOMER.
11	(7) (a) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK
12	SHALL, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR, ALLOW A
13	CUSTOMER TO CANCEL AND RECEIVE A FULL REFUND FOR A VIRTUAL
14	CURRENCY TRANSACTION IF:
15	(I) THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS THE CUSTOMER'S
16	FIRST VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION;
17	(II) THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS TO A VIRTUAL
18	CURRENCY WALLET OR EXCHANGE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED
19	STATES; AND
20	(III) WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY
21	TRANSACTION, THE CUSTOMER CONTACTS THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF
22	THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK AND A GOVERNMENT OR LAW
23	ENFORCEMENT ENTITY REGARDING THE FRAUDULENT NATURE OF THE
24	TRANSACTION AND SUBMITS PROOF OF THE FRAUD, SUCH AS A POLICE
25	REPORT OR NOTARIZED DECLARATION DETAILING THE FRAUDULENT
26	NATURE OF THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION.
2.7	(b) If the conditions of subsection (7)(a) of this section are

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1	MET, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR SHALL ISSUE A FULL REFUND WITHIN
2	SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER BEING NOTIFIED THAT THE VIRTUAL
3	CURRENCY TRANSACTION WAS FRAUDULENT.
4	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
5	takes effect January 1, 2026; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
6	pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
7	act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
8	after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
9	section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
10	general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
11	effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
12	governor.

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