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2	An act relating to money services businesses; amending
3	s. 560.103, F.S.; defining the terms "control person"
4	and "publicly traded"; revising and deleting
5	definitions; amending s. 560.118, F.S.; providing that
6	a rule may require certain reports to the Office of
7	Financial Regulation to contain declarations by
8	control persons, rather than officers or other
9	responsible persons; amending s. 560.123, F.S.;
10	providing that control persons, rather than officers,
11	are not liable for loss or damages under certain
12	circumstances; amending s. 560.126, F.S.; requiring
13	licensees to report changes in control persons, rather
14	than in certain other entities or persons; providing
15	that the addition of a control person, rather than
16	certain other entities or persons, is subject to
17	certain requirements; amending s. 560.141, F.S.;
18	revising requirements for applications for licensure
19	as a money services business; deleting the definition
20	of the term "publicly traded"; reenacting s.
21	559.952(4)(a), F.S., relating to the Financial
22	Technology Sandbox, to incorporate the amendments made
23	to ss. 560.118 and 560.141, F.S., in references
24	thereto; reenacting s. 560.114(2)(c), F.S., relating
25	to disciplinary actions and penalties, to incorporate

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26 the amendment made to s. 560.141, F.S., in a reference 27 thereto; providing an effective date. 28 29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 30 Section 1. Section 560.103, Florida Statutes, is amended 31 32 to read: 560.103 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: 33 34 (1) "Affiliated party" means a control director, officer, 35 responsible person, employee, or foreign affiliate of a money 36 services business, or a person who has a controlling interest in a money services business as provided in s. 560.127. 37 "Appropriate regulator" means a state, federal, or 38 (2)39 foreign agency that has been granted authority to enforce state, federal, or foreign laws related to a money services business or 40 41 deferred presentment provider. "Authorized vendor" means a person designated by a 42 (3) 43 money services business licensed under part II of this chapter to act on behalf of the licensee at locations in this state 44 45 pursuant to a written contract with the licensee. 46 (4) "Branch office" means the physical location, other than the principal place of business, of a money services 47 business operated by a licensee under this chapter. 48 49 (5) "Cashing" means providing currency for payment instruments except for travelers checks. 50 Page 2 of 20

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51	(6) "Check casher" means a person who sells currency in
52	exchange for payment instruments received, except travelers
53	checks.
54	(7) "Commission" means the Financial Services Commission.
55	(8) "Compliance officer" means the individual in charge of
56	overseeing, managing, and ensuring that a money services
57	business is in compliance with all state and federal laws and
58	rules relating to money services businesses, as applicable,
59	including all money laundering laws and rules.
60	(9) "Conductor" means a natural person who presents
61	himself or herself to a licensee for purposes of cashing a
62	payment instrument.
63	(10) "Control person" means any of the following:
64	(a) A person who holds the title of president, chief
65	executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operations
66	officer, chief legal officer, or compliance officer for a money
67	services business.
68	(b) A person who holds any of the officer positions named
69	in the money services business's governing documents.
70	(c) A person who holds any position named by the money
71	services business's liability insurance coverage for directors
72	and officers, if the business has such coverage.
73	(d) A director of the money services business's board of
74	directors.
75	(e) A person who directs the affairs of a money services
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76	business or who participates in, or has authority to participate
77	in, the major policymaking functions of a money services
78	business, regardless of whether the person has an official title
79	or receives a salary or other compensation.
80	(f) For a money services business that is a corporation,
81	all shareholders that, directly or indirectly, own 25 percent or
82	more or that have the power to vote 25 percent or more of a
83	class of voting securities.
84	(g) For a money services business that is a partnership,
85	all general partners, and those limited or special partners that
86	have contributed 25 percent or more or that have the right to
87	receive upon dissolution 25 percent or more of the partnership's
88	capital.
89	(h) For a money services business that is a limited
90	liability company, all managers, and those members that have
91	contributed 25 percent or more or that have the right to receive
92	upon dissolution 25 percent or more of the limited liability
93	company's capital.
94	(11) (10) "Corporate payment instrument" means a payment
95	instrument on which the payee named on the instrument's face is
96	other than a natural person.
97	(12) (11) "Currency" means the coin and paper money of the
98	United States or of any other country which is designated as
99	legal tender and which circulates and is customarily used and
100	accepted as a medium of exchange in the country of issuance.
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101 Currency includes United States silver certificates, United 102 States notes, and Federal Reserve notes. Currency also includes 103 official foreign bank notes that are customarily used and 104 accepted as a medium of exchange in a foreign country.

105 <u>(13)</u> (12) "Deferred presentment provider" means a person 106 who is licensed under part II or part III of this chapter and 107 has filed a declaration of intent with the office to engage in 108 deferred presentment transactions as provided under part IV of 109 this chapter.

110 <u>(14) (13)</u> "Department" means the Department of Financial 111 Services.

112 <u>(15) (14)</u> "Electronic instrument" means a card, tangible 113 object, or other form of electronic payment for the transmission 114 or payment of money or the exchange of monetary value, including 115 a stored value card or device that contains a microprocessor 116 chip, magnetic stripe, or other means for storing information; 117 that is prefunded; and for which the value is decremented upon 118 each use.

119 <u>(16) (15)</u> "Financial audit report" means a report prepared 120 in connection with a financial audit that is conducted in 121 accordance with generally accepted auditing standards prescribed 122 by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants by a 123 certified public accountant licensed to do business in the 124 United States, and which must include:

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(a) Financial statements, including notes related to the

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financial statements and required supplementary information, prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The notes must, at a minimum, include detailed disclosures regarding receivables that are greater than 90 days, if the total amount of such receivables represents more than 2 percent of the licensee's total assets.

(b) An expression of opinion regarding whether the financial statements are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or an assertion to the effect that such an opinion cannot be expressed and the reasons.

137 <u>(17) (16)</u> "Foreign affiliate" means a person located 138 outside this state who has been designated by a licensee to make 139 payments on behalf of the licensee to persons who reside outside 140 this state. The term also includes a person located outside of 141 this state for whom the licensee has been designated to make 142 payments in this state.

143 <u>(18) (17)</u> "Foreign currency exchanger" means a person who 144 exchanges, for compensation, currency of the United States or a 145 foreign government to currency of another government.

146 <u>(19) (18)</u> "Fraudulent identification paraphernalia" means 147 all equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, 148 intended for use, or designed for use in the misrepresentation 149 of a customer's identity. The term includes, but is not limited 150 to:

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(a) A signature stamp, thumbprint stamp, or other tool or
device used to forge a customer's personal identification
information.

(b) An original of any type of personal identification
listed in s. 560.310(2)(b) which is blank, stolen, or unlawfully
issued.

(c) A blank, forged, fictitious, or counterfeit instrument in the similitude of any type of personal identification listed in s. 560.310(2)(b) which would in context lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that such instrument is an authentic original of such personal identification.

(d) Counterfeit, fictitious, or fabricated information in the similitude of a customer's personal identification information that, although not authentic, would in context lead a reasonably prudent person to credit its authenticity.

166 (20)(19) "Licensee" means a person licensed under this
167 chapter.

168 <u>(21) (20)</u> "Location" means a branch office, mobile 169 location, or location of an authorized vendor whose business 170 activity is regulated under this chapter.

171 (22) (21) "Monetary value" means a medium of exchange,
172 whether or not redeemable in currency.

173 <u>(23) (22)</u> "Money services business" means any person 174 located in or doing business in this state, from this state, or 175 into this state from locations outside this state or country who

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176 acts as a payment instrument seller, foreign currency exchanger, 177 check casher, or money transmitter.

178 (24) (23) "Money transmitter" means a corporation, limited 179 liability company, limited liability partnership, or foreign entity qualified to do business in this state which receives 180 currency, monetary value, or payment instruments for the purpose 181 182 of transmitting the same by any means, including transmission by wire, facsimile, electronic transfer, courier, the Internet, or 183 184 through bill payment services or other businesses that 185 facilitate such transfer within this country, or to or from this 186 country.

187 <u>(25) (24)</u> "Net worth" means assets minus liabilities, 188 determined in accordance with United States generally accepted 189 accounting principles.

190 <u>(26) (25)</u> "Office" means the Office of Financial Regulation 191 of the commission.

192 (26) "Officer" means an individual, other than a director, 193 who participates in, or has authority to participate in, the 194 major policymaking functions of a money services business, 195 regardless of whether the individual has an official title or 196 receives a salary or other compensation.

197 (27) "Outstanding money transmission" means a money 198 transmission to a designated recipient or a refund to a sender 199 that has not been completed.

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(28) "Outstanding payment instrument" means an unpaid

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201 payment instrument whose sale has been reported to a licensee. 202 "Payment instrument" means a check, draft, warrant, (29)203 money order, travelers check, electronic instrument, or other 204 instrument, payment of money, or monetary value whether or not 205 negotiable. The term does not include an instrument that is 206 redeemable by the issuer in merchandise or service, a credit 207 card voucher, or a letter of credit. 208 "Payment instrument seller" means a corporation, (30)209 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or foreign entity qualified to do business in this state which 210 211 sells a payment instrument. "Person" means an individual, partnership, 212 (31)association, trust, corporation, limited liability company, or 213 214 other group, however organized, but does not include a public 215 agency or instrumentality thereof. 216 (32)"Personal identification information" means a 217 customer's name that, alone or together with any of the 218 following information, may be used to identify that specific 219 customer: 220 Customer's signature. (a) 221 (b) Photograph, digital image, or other likeness of the 222 customer. Unique biometric data, such as the customer's 223 (C) 224 thumbprint or fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or 225 other unique physical representation of the customer.

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226	(33) "Responsible person" means an individual who is
227	employed by or affiliated with a money services business and who
228	has principal active management authority over the business
229	decisions, actions, and activities of the money services
230	business in this state.
231	(33) "Publicly traded" means a stock is currently traded
232	on a national securities exchange registered with the Securities
233	and Exchange Commission, or traded on an exchange in a country
234	other than the United States regulated by a regulator equivalent
235	to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the disclosure and
236	reporting requirements of such regulator are substantially
237	similar to those of the Securities and Exchange Commission.
238	(34) "Sells" means to sell, issue, provide, or deliver.
239	(35) "Stored value" means funds or monetary value
240	represented in digital electronic format, whether or not
241	specially encrypted, and stored or capable of storage on
242	electronic media in such a way as to be retrievable and
243	transferred electronically.
244	Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 560.118, Florida
245	Statutes, is amended to read:
246	560.118 Reports
247	(2) Each licensee must submit quarterly reports to the
248	office in a format and include information as specified by rule.
249	The rule may require the report to contain a declaration by <u>a</u>
250	<u>control</u> an officer, or any other responsible person authorized
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2.51 to make such declaration, that the report is true and correct to 252 the best of her or his knowledge and belief. 253 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 254 560.123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 255 560.123 Florida Control of Money Laundering in Money 256 Services Business Act.-257 (3) A money services business shall keep a record of each 258 financial transaction occurring in this state which it knows to 259 involve currency or other payment instrument, as prescribed by 260 the commission, having a value greater than \$10,000; to involve 261 the proceeds of specified unlawful activity; or to be designed to evade the reporting requirements of this section or chapter 262 896. The money services business must maintain appropriate 263 264 procedures to ensure compliance with this section and chapter 265 896. 266 (d) A money services business, or control person officer, 267 employee, or agent thereof, that files a report in good faith 268 pursuant to this section is not liable to any person for loss or 269 damage caused in whole or in part by the making, filing, or 270 governmental use of the report, or any information contained 271 therein. 272 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 560.126, Florida 273 Statutes, is amended to read: 274 560.126 Required notice by licensee.-275 (3) Each licensee must report any change in the control Page 11 of 20

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276	partners, officers, members, joint venturers, directors,
277	controlling shareholders, or responsible persons of the licensee
278	or changes in the form of business organization by written
279	amendment in such form and at such time as specified by rule.
280	(a) If any person, directly or indirectly or acting by or
281	through one or more persons, proposes to purchase or acquire a
282	controlling interest in a licensee, such person or group must
283	submit an application for licensure as a money services business
284	or deferred presentment provider before such purchase or
285	acquisition at such time and in such form as prescribed by rule.
286	As used in this subsection, the term "controlling interest"
287	means the same as described in s. 560.127.
288	(b) <u>Upon</u> the addition of a <u>control person, the office</u>
289	shall evaluate the added control person and ensure that such
290	person has submitted fingerprints for processing pursuant to s.
291	560.141(1)(c) partner, officer, member, joint venturer,
292	director, controlling shareholder, or responsible person of the
293	applicant who does not have a controlling interest and who has
294	not previously complied with the applicable provisions of ss.
295	560.1401 and 560.141 is subject to such provisions. If the
296	office determines that the addition of the control person would
297	cause the money services business to no longer the licensee does
298	not continue to meet the licensure requirements <u>under this</u>
299	chapter, the office may bring an administrative action in
300	accordance with s. 560.114 to enforce the provisions of this

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301	chapter.
302	(c) The commission shall adopt rules providing for the
303	waiver of the license application required by this subsection if
304	the person or group of persons proposing to purchase or acquire
305	a controlling interest in a licensee has previously complied
306	with the applicable provisions of ss. 560.1401 and 560.141 under
307	the same legal entity or is currently licensed under this
308	chapter.
309	Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) of
310	section 560.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
311	560.141 License application
312	(1) To apply for a license as a money services business
313	under this chapter, the applicant must submit:
314	(a) An application to the office on forms prescribed by
315	rule which includes the following information:
316	1. The legal name and address of the applicant, including
317	any fictitious or trade names used by the applicant in the
318	conduct of its business.
319	2. The date of the applicant's formation and the state in
320	which the applicant was formed, if applicable.
321	3. The name, social security number, alien identification
322	or taxpayer identification number, business and residence
323	addresses, and employment history for the past 5 years for each
324	control person officer, director, responsible person, the
325	compliance officer, each controlling shareholder, and any other
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326	person who has a controlling interest in the money services
327	business as provided in s. 560.127.
328	4. A description of the organizational structure of the
329	applicant, including the identity of any parent or subsidiary of
330	the applicant, and the disclosure of whether any parent or
331	subsidiary is publicly traded.
332	5. The applicant's history of operations in other states
333	if applicable and a description of the money services business
334	or deferred presentment provider activities proposed to be
335	conducted by the applicant in this state.
336	6. If the applicant or its parent is a publicly traded
337	company, copies of all filings made by the applicant with the
338	United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or with a
339	similar regulator in a country other than the United States,
340	within the preceding year.
341	7. The location at which the applicant proposes to
342	establish its principal place of business and any other
343	location, including branch offices and authorized vendors
344	operating in this state. For each branch office and each
345	location of an authorized vendor, the applicant shall include
346	the nonrefundable fee required by s. 560.143.
347	8. The name and address of the clearing financial
348	institution or financial institutions through which the
349	applicant's payment instruments are drawn or through which the
350	payment instruments are payable.
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351 The history of the applicant's material litigation, 9. criminal convictions, pleas of nolo contendere, and cases of 352 353 adjudication withheld. 354 10. The history of material litigation, arrests, criminal 355 convictions, pleas of nolo contendere, and cases of adjudication 356 withheld for each control executive officer, director, 357 controlling shareholder, and responsible person. The name of the registered agent in this state for 358 11. 359 service of process unless the applicant is a sole proprietor. 360 Any other information specified in this chapter or by 12. 361 rule. 362 Fingerprints for each person listed in subparagraph (C) (a)3. for live-scan processing in accordance with rules adopted 363 364 by the commission. 365 The fingerprints may be submitted through a third-party 1. 366 vendor authorized by the Department of Law Enforcement to 367 provide live-scan fingerprinting. The Department of Law Enforcement must conduct the 368 2. 369 state criminal history background check, and a federal criminal 370 history background check must be conducted through the Federal 371 Bureau of Investigation. 3. All fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law 372 373 Enforcement must be submitted electronically and entered into 374 the statewide automated fingerprint identification system 375 established in s. 943.05(2)(b) and available for use in Page 15 of 20

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accordance with s. 943.05(2)(g) and (h). The office shall pay an annual fee to the Department of Law Enforcement to participate in the system and shall inform the Department of Law Enforcement of any person whose fingerprints no longer must be retained.

380 4. The costs of fingerprint processing, including the cost
381 of retaining the fingerprints, shall be borne by the person
382 subject to the background check.

383 5. The office shall review the results of the state and 384 federal criminal history background checks and determine whether 385 the applicant meets licensure requirements.

386 6. For purposes of this paragraph, fingerprints are not 387 required to be submitted if the applicant is a publicly traded 388 corporation or is exempted from this chapter under s. 389 560.104(1). The term "publicly traded" means a stock is 390 currently traded on a national securities exchange registered 391 with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or traded on 392 an exchange in a country other than the United States regulated 393 by a regulator equivalent to the Securities and Exchange 394 Commission and the disclosure and reporting requirements of 395 regulator are substantially similar to those of the commission. 396 7. Licensees initially approved before October 1, 2013, 397 who are seeking renewal must submit fingerprints for each person 398 listed in subparagraph (a)3. for live-scan processing pursuant 399 to this paragraph. Such fingerprints must be submitted before renewing a license that is scheduled to expire between April 30, 400

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401 2014, and December 31, 2015.
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Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to sections 560.118 and 560.141, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 559.952, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

559.952 Financial Technology Sandbox.-

407 (4) EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL LAW AND WAIVERS OF RULE 408 REQUIREMENTS.-

409 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, upon approval of a
410 Financial Technology Sandbox application, the following
411 provisions and corresponding rule requirements are not
412 applicable to the licensee during the sandbox period:

1. Section 516.03(1), except for the application fee, the investigation fee, the requirement to provide the social security numbers of control persons, evidence of liquid assets of at least \$25,000, and the office's authority to investigate the applicant's background. The office may prorate the license renewal fee for an extension granted under subsection (7).

419 2. Section 516.05(1) and (2), except that the office shall420 investigate the applicant's background.

3. Section 560.109, only to the extent that the section
requires the office to examine a licensee at least once every 5
years.

- 424 4. Section 560.118(2).
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5. Section 560.125(1), only to the extent that the

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426	subsection would prohibit a licensee from engaging in the
427	business of a money transmitter or payment instrument seller
428	during the sandbox period.
429	6. Section 560.125(2), only to the extent that the
430	subsection would prohibit a licensee from appointing an
431	authorized vendor during the sandbox period. Any authorized
432	vendor of such a licensee during the sandbox period remains
433	liable to the holder or remitter.
434	7. Section 560.128.
435	8. Section 560.141, except for s. 560.141(1)(a)1., 3., 7
436	10. and (b), (c), and (d).
437	9. Section 560.142(1) and (2), except that the office may
438	prorate, but may not entirely eliminate, the license renewal
439	fees in s. 560.143 for an extension granted under subsection
440	(7).
441	10. Section 560.143(2), only to the extent necessary for
442	proration of the renewal fee under subparagraph 9.
443	11. Section 560.204(1), only to the extent that the
444	subsection would prohibit a licensee from engaging in, or
445	advertising that it engages in, the selling or issuing of
446	payment instruments or in the activity of a money transmitter
447	during the sandbox period.
448	12. Section 560.205(2).
449	13. Section 560.208(2).
450	14. Section 560.209, only to the extent that the office
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may modify, but may not entirely eliminate, the net worth, 452 corporate surety bond, and collateral deposit amounts required 453 under that section. The modified amounts must be in such lower amounts that the office determines to be commensurate with the 454 455 factors under paragraph (5) (c) and the maximum number of 456 consumers authorized to receive the financial product or service 457 under this section. 458 Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 459 made by this act to section 560.141, Florida Statutes, in a 460 reference thereto, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 560.114, Florida Statutes, is reenacted, to read: 461 462 560.114 Disciplinary actions; penalties.-(2) Pursuant to s. 120.60(6), the office may summarily 463 464 suspend the license of a money services business if the office 465 finds that a licensee poses an immediate, serious danger to the 466 public health, safety, and welfare. A proceeding in which the 467 office seeks the issuance of a final order for the summary 468 suspension of a licensee shall be conducted by the commissioner 469 of the office, or his or her designee, who shall issue such 470 order. The following acts are deemed to constitute an immediate

471 and serious danger to the public health, safety, and welfare, 472 and the office may immediately suspend the license of a money 473 services business if:

474 A natural person required to be listed on the license (C) application for a money services business pursuant to s. 475

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476 560.141(1)(a)3. is criminally charged with, or arrested for, a 477 crime described in paragraph (1)(o), paragraph (1)(p), or 478 paragraph(1)(q).

479 Section 8. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

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