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SENATE BILL No. 406

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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AN ACT concerning financial institutions; enacting the Kansas money 1 2 transmission act; relating to the electronic transmission of money; 3 oversight thereof by the state bank commissioner; establishing powers, 4 duties and responsibilities of the state bank commissioner; licensing 5 and renewal processes; penalties; repealing K.S.A. 9-508, 9-509, 9-510, 9-510a, 9-511, 9-513, 9-513a, 9-513b, 9-513c, 9-513d, 9-513e and 6 7 K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 9-512.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

10 Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 42, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas money transmission act. 11

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As used in the Kansas money transmission act: (b) "Act" means the Kansas money transmission act.

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14 (2) "Acting in concert" means persons knowingly acting together with a common goal of jointly acquiring control of a licensee whether or 15 not pursuant to an express agreement. 16

17 (3) "Authorized delegate" means a person designated by a licensee to engage in money transmission on behalf of the licensee. 18

19 "Average daily money transmission liability" means the amount of (4)the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations in Kansas at the 20 21 end of each day in a given period of time added together and divided by 22 the total number of days in the given period of time. For any licensee 23 required to calculate "average daily money transmission liability" pursuant 24 to this act, the given period of time shall be the calendar quarters ending 25 March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

26 (5) "Closed loop stored value" means stored value that is redeemable 27 by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or the 28 issuer's affiliates or franchisees of the issuer or the franchisees's affiliates, 29 except to the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash 30 for its cash value.

31 "Commissioner" means the state bank commissioner, or a person (6) 32 designated by the state bank commissioner to enforce this act. "Control" means the power to:

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(A) Vote directly or indirectly at least 25% of the outstanding voting

shares or voting interests of a licensee or person in control of a licensee; 1

2 (B) elect or appoint a majority of key individuals or executive 3 officers, managers, directors, trustees or other persons exercising 4 managerial authority of a person in control of a licensee; or

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(C) exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the 6 management or policies of a licensee or person in control of a licensee.

7 "Eligible rating" means a credit rating from any of the three (8) 8 highest rating categories provided by an eligible rating service. Each rating 9 category may include rating category modifiers such as plus or minus for Standard & Poor or the equivalent for any other eligible rating service. 10 "Eligible rating" shall be determined as follows: 11

12 (A) Long-term credit ratings shall be deemed eligible if the rating is 13 equal to A- or higher by Standard & Poor or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. 14

15 (B) Short-term credit ratings are deemed eligible if the rating is equal 16 to or higher than A-2 or SP-2 by Standard & Poor or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. If ratings differ among eligible rating 17 services, the highest rating shall apply when determining whether a 18 19 security bears an eligible rating.

20 (9) "Eligible rating service" means any nationally recognized 21 statistical rating organization that has been registered by the securities and 22 exchange commission or any organization designated by the commissioner 23 through order or rules and regulations as an eligible rating service.

24 (10)"Federally insured depository financial institution" means a 25 bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank or industrial loan company 26 27 organized under the laws of the United States or any state of the United 28 States, when such bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust 29 company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank or industrial 30 loan company has federally insured deposits.

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"In Kansas" means the: (11)

32 (A) Physical location of a person who is requesting a transaction in 33 person in the state of Kansas; or

34 (B) person's residential address or the principal place of business for a 35 person requesting a transaction electronically or by telephone if such 36 residential address or principal place of business is in the state of Kansas.

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"Individual" means a natural person. (12)

38 "Key individual" means any individual ultimately responsible for (13)39 establishing or directing policies and procedures of the licensee, including, 40 but not limited to, an executive officer, manager, director or trustee.

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"Licensee" means a person licensed under this act. (14)

42 "Material litigation" means litigation, that according to United (15)43 States generally accepted accounting principles, is significant to a person's 1 financial health and would be a required disclosure in the person's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders or similar records. 2

3 (16) "Money" means a medium of exchange that is authorized or 4 adopted by the United States or a foreign government. "Money" includes a 5 monetary unit of account established by an intergovernmental organization 6 or by agreement between two or more governments.

7 (17) "Monetary value" means a medium of exchange, whether or not 8 redeemable in money. 9

(18) (A) "Money transmission" means any of the following:

10 (i) Selling or issuing payment instruments to a person located in 11 Kansas:

(ii) selling or issuing stored value to a person located in Kansas;

(iii) receiving money for transmission from a person located in 13 14 Kansas: or

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(iv) payroll processing services.

16 "Money transmission" does not include the provision of solely (B) 17 online or telecommunications services or network access.

(19) "Money service business accredited state" means a state agency 18 19 that is accredited by the conference of state bank supervisors and money 20 transmitter regulators association for money transmission licensing and 21 supervision.

22 "Multistate licensing process" means any agreement entered into (20)23 by state regulators relating to coordinated processing of applications for 24 money transmission licenses, applications for the acquisition of control of 25 a licensee, control determinations or notice and information requirements 26 for a change of key individuals.

27 (21) "Nationwide multistate licensing system and registry" means a 28 licensing system developed by the conference of state bank supervisors 29 and the American association of residential mortgage regulators and 30 owned and operated by the state regulatory registry, limited liability 31 company or any successor or affiliated entity for the licensing and 32 registration of persons in financial services industries.

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(22) (A) "Outstanding money transmission obligation" means:

34 (i) Any payment instrument or stored value issued or sold by the 35 licensee to a person located in the United States or reported as sold by an 36 authorized delegate of the licensee to a person that is located in the United 37 States that has not yet been paid or refunded by or for the licensee or 38 escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property laws; or

39 (ii) any money received for transmission by the licensee or an 40 authorized delegate in the United States from a person located in the United States that has not been received by the payee or refunded to the 41 sender or escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property 42 43 laws.

1 (B) "In the United States" includes a person in any state, territory or 2 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the 3 commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a United States military installation that 4 is located in a foreign country.

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(23) "Passive investor" means a person that:

6 (A) Does not have the power to elect a majority of key individuals or
7 executive officers, managers, directors, trustees or other persons exercising
8 managerial authority of a person in control of a licensee;

9 (B) is not employed by and does not have any managerial duties of 10 the licensee or person in control of a licensee; or

11 (C) does not have the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a 12 controlling influence over the management or policies of a licensee or 13 person in control of a licensee; and

14 (D) (i) Either attests to subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) in a form and 15 in a manner prescribed by the commissioner; or

(ii) commits to the passivity characteristics of subparagraphs (A), (B)and (C) in a written document.

(24) (A) "Payment instrument" means a written or electronic check,
draft, money order, traveler's check or other written or electronic
instrument for the transmission or payment of money or monetary value,
regardless of negotiability.

(B) "Payment instrument" does not include stored value or anyinstrument that is:

(i) Redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by
the issuer or the issuer's affiliate or franchisees of the issuer or the
franchisees' affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be
redeemable in cash for its cash value; or

(ii) not sold to the public but issued and distributed as part of aloyalty, rewards or promotional program.

30 (25) "Payroll processing services" means the receipt of money for 31 transmission pursuant to a contract with a person to deliver wages or 32 salaries, make payment of payroll taxes to state and federal agencies, make 33 payments relating to employee benefit plans or make distributions of other 34 authorized deductions from wages or salaries. "Payroll processing 35 services" does not include an employer performing payroll processing 36 services on the employer's own behalf or on behalf of an affiliate.

(26) "Person" means any individual, general partnership, limited
partnership, limited liability company, corporation, trust, association, joint
stock corporation or other corporate entity identified or recognized by the
commissioner.

41 (27) "Receiving money for transmission" or "money received for
42 transmission" means the receipt of money or monetary value in the United
43 States for transmission within or outside the United States by electronic or

1 other means.

2 (28) "Stored value" means monetary value representing a claim 3 against the issuer evidenced by an electronic or digital record and that is 4 intended and accepted for use as a means of redemption for money or 5 monetary value or payment for goods or services. "Stored value" includes, 6 but is not limited to, prepaid access as defined by 31 C.F.R. § 1010.100. 7 "Stored value" does not include a payment instrument or closed loop 8 stored value or stored value not sold to the public but issued and 9 distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards or promotional program.

(29) "Tangible net worth" means the aggregate assets of a licensee
excluding all intangible assets, less liabilities, as determined in accordance
with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

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Sec. 2. (a) This act does not apply to:

(1) An operator of a payment system to the extent that such operator
 provides processing, clearing or settlement services between persons
 exempted under this subsection or licensees in connection with wire
 transfers, credit card transactions, debit card transactions, stored value
 transactions, automated clearing house transfers or similar funds transfers.

(2) A person appointed as an agent of a payee to collect and process a
 payment from a payor to the payee for goods or services other than money
 transmission provided to the payor by the payee if:

(A) A written agreement exists between the payee and the agent
 directing the agent to collect and process payments from payors on the
 payee's behalf;

(B) the payee holds the agent out to the public as accepting paymentsfor goods or services on the payee's behalf; and

(C) payment for the goods and services is treated as received by the
payee upon receipt by the agent so that the payor's obligation is
extinguished and there is no risk of loss to the payor if the agent fails to
remit the funds to the payee.

(3) 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, if
the entity:

(A) Is properly licensed or exempt from licensing requirements under
 this act;

(B) provides a receipt, electronic record or other written confirmation
to the sender identifying the entity as the provider of money transmission
in the transaction; and

40 (C) bears sole responsibility to satisfy the outstanding money 41 transmission obligation to the sender, including the obligation to make the 42 sender whole in connection with any failure to transmit the funds to the 43 sender's designated recipient. 1 (4) The United States government and any agency, bureau, 2 department, office or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, thereof, including any official, employee or agent of any such entity. 3

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(5) Money transmission by the United States postal service or by an agent of the United States postal service.

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(6) Any state office or officer, department, board, commission, bureau, division, authority, agency or institution of this state, including any 8 political subdivision thereof, and any county, city or other municipality.

9 (7) A federally insured depository financial institution, bank holding company, office of an international banking corporation, foreign bank that 10 establishes a federal branch pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 3102, a corporation 11 organized pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1861 through 1867 or a corporation 12 organized under 12 U.S.C. §§ 611 through 633. 13

(8) Electronic funds transfer of governmental benefits for a federal, 14 state, county or governmental agency by a contractor on behalf of the 15 16 United States or a department, agency or instrumentality thereof or on 17 behalf of a state or governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality 18 thereof.

19 (9) A board of trade designated as a contract market under 7 U.S.C. 20 §§ 1 through 25 or a person that in the ordinary course of business 21 provides clearance and settlement services for a board of trade to the 22 extent of the board of trade's operation as or for such a board.

23 (10) A futures commission merchant registered under federal commodities law to the extent of the registrant's operation as such a 24 25 futures commission merchant.

26 (11) A person registered as a securities broker-dealer under federal or 27 state securities law to the extent of such registrant's operation as such a 28 securities broker-dealer.

29 (12) An individual employed by a licensee, authorized delegate or any person exempted from the licensing requirements of the act when 30 31 acting within the scope of employment and under the supervision of the 32 licensee, authorized delegate or exempted person as an employee and not 33 as an independent contractor.

34 (13) A person expressly appointed as a third-party service provider to 35 or agent of an entity exempt under paragraph (a)(6) solely to the extent 36 that.

37 (A) Such service provider or agent is engaging in money transmission 38 on behalf of and pursuant to a written agreement with the exempt entity 39 that sets forth the specific functions that the service provider or agent is to 40 perform; and

41 (B) the exempt entity assumes all risk of loss and all legal 42 responsibility for satisfying the outstanding money transmission 43 obligations owed to purchasers and holders of the outstanding money

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transmission obligations upon receipt of the purchaser's or holder's money
 or monetary value by the service provider or agent.

3 (14) A person engaging in the practice of law, bookkeeping, 4 accounting, real estate sales or brokerage.

5 (15) A person appointed as an agent of a payor for purposes of 6 providing payroll processing services for which such agent would 7 otherwise need to be licensed if:

8 (A) There is a written agreement between the payor and the agent 9 that directs the agent to provide payroll processing services on the 10 payor's behalf;

(B) the payor holds the agent out to employees and other payeesas providing payroll processing services on the payor's behalf; and

(C) the payor's obligation to a payee, including an employee or
 any other party entitled to receive funds via the payroll processing
 services provided by the agent, is not extinguished if such agent fails to
 remit such funds to the payee.

(16) A person exempt by any rules or regulations adopted or by an
order issued if the commissioner finds such exemption to be in the public
interest and that the regulation of such person is not necessary for the
purposes of this act.

(b) The commissioner may require that any person claiming to be
exempt from licensing pursuant to this section provide information and
documentation to the commissioner demonstrating that such person
qualifies for any claimed exemption.

25 Sec. 3. (a) To carry out the purposes of this act, the commissioner 26 may:

(1) Enter into agreements or relationships with other government
 officials or federal and state regulatory agencies and regulatory
 associations to improve efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by
 standardizing methods or procedures and sharing resources, records or
 related information obtained under this act;

(2) use, hire, contract or employ analytical systems, methods or
 software to examine or investigate any person subject to this act;

(3) accept from other state or federal government agencies or
 officials, licensing, examination or investigation reports made by such
 other state or federal government agencies or officials; and

(4) accept audit reports made by an independent certified public
accountant or other qualified third-party auditor for an applicant or
licensee and incorporate the audit report in any report of examination or
investigation.

(b) The commissioner shall have the broad administrative authority to
administer, interpret and enforce this act, promulgate rules and regulations
necessary to implement this act and set proportionate and equitable fees

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and costs associated with applications, examinations, investigations and
 other actions required to provide sufficient funds to meet the budget
 requirements of administering and enforcing the act for each fiscal year
 and to achieve the purposes of this act.

5 Sec. 4. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), all 6 information or reports obtained by the commissioner from an applicant, 7 licensee or authorized delegate and all information contained in or related 8 to an examination, investigation, operating report or condition report prepared by, on behalf of or for the use of the commissioner or financial 9 statements, balance sheets or authorized delegate information, are 10 confidential and are not subject to disclosure under the Kansas open 11 12 records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(2) The provisions of this subsection providing for the confidentiality
of public records shall expire on July 1, 2030, unless the legislature
reviews and reenacts such provisions in accordance with K.S.A. 45-229,
and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2030.

17 (b) The commissioner may disclose information not otherwise subject 18 to disclosure under subsection (a) to representatives of state or federal 19 agencies who promise in a record that such representatives will maintain 20 the confidentiality of the information or where the commissioner finds that 21 the release is reasonably necessary for the protection and interest of the 22 public in accordance with the Kansas open records act.

(c) The following information contained in the records of the office
 of the state bank commissioner that is not confidential and may be made
 available to the public:

26 (1) The name, business address, telephone number and unique 27 identifier of a licensee;

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(2) the business address of a licensee's registered agent for service;

29 (3) the name, business address and telephone number of all30 authorized delegates;

(4) the terms of or a copy of any bond filed by a licensee, provided
that confidential information, including, but not limited to, prices and fees
for such bond is redacted; or

(5) copies of any orders of the office of the state bank commissioner
 relating to any violation of this act or regulations implementing this act.

(d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit the commissioner
 from disclosing to the public a list of all licensees or the aggregated
 financial or transactional data concerning those licensees.

Sec. 5. (a) The commissioner may conduct an examination or investigation of a licensee or authorized delegate or otherwise take adopted or an order issued under this act as reasonably necessary or appropriate to administer and enforce this act, regulations implementing 1 this act and other applicable federal law. The commissioner may:

2 (1) Conduct an examination on-site or off-site as the commissioner 3 may reasonably require;

4 (2) conduct an examination in conjunction with an examination 5 conducted by representatives of other state agencies, agencies of another 6 state or the federal government;

7 (3) accept the examination report of another state agency or an agency of another state or the federal government or a report prepared by 9 an independent accounting firm, which, on being accepted, is considered 10 for all purposes as an official report of the commissioner; and

(4) summon and examine under oath or subpoena a key individual or
employee of a licensee or authorized delegate and require such individual
or employee to produce records regarding any matter related to the
condition and business of the licensee or authorized delegate.

(b) A licensee or authorized delegate shall provide the commissioner with full and complete access to all records the commissioner may reasonably require to conduct a complete examination. The records shall be provided at the location and in the format specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may utilize multistate record production standards and examination procedures when such standards will reasonably achieve the requirements of this section.

(c) Unless otherwise directed by the commissioner, a licensee shall
 pay all costs reasonably incurred in connection with an examination of the
 licensee or the licensee's authorized delegates.

Sec. 6. (a) To administer and enforce the provisions of this act and minimize the regulatory burden, the commissioner is hereby authorized to participate in multistate supervisory processes established between states and coordinated through the conference of state bank supervisors, money transmitter regulators associations and affiliates and successors thereof for all licensees that hold licenses in Kansas or other states. As a participant in such established multistate supervisory processes, the commissioner may:

(1) Cooperate, coordinate and share information with other state and
 federal regulators in accordance with section 5, and amendments thereto;

(2) 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; and

(3) cooperate, coordinate and share information with organizations,
the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental
agencies, if the organizations agree in writing to maintain the
confidentiality and security of the shared information in accordance with
section 4, and amendments thereto.

42 (b) The commissioner shall not waive, and nothing in this section 43 shall constitute a waiver of, the commissioner's authority to conduct an (1) Inconsistency; and

examination or investigation or otherwise take independent action 1 authorized by this act or rules and regulations adopted or an order issued 2 under this act to enforce compliance with applicable state or federal law. 3

(c) A joint examination or investigation or acceptance of an 4 5 examination or investigation report shall not be construed to waive an 6 examination assessment provided for in this act.

7 Sec. 7. (a) If the jurisdiction of state money transmission is 8 conditioned on federal law, any inconsistencies between a provision of this act and such federal law governing money transmission shall be 9 governed by the applicable federal law to the extent of such inconsistency. 10

(b) If there are any inconsistencies between this act and any federal 11 law that governs pursuant to subsection (a), the commissioner may provide 12 interpretive guidance that identifies the: 13

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(2) appropriate means of compliance with federal law.

16 Sec. 8. (a) A person may not engage in the business of money 17 transmission or advertise, solicit or hold itself out as providing money transmission unless the person is licensed under this act. 18

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(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a person that is:

20 (1) An authorized delegate of a person licensed under this act acting 21 within the scope of authority conferred by a written contract with the 22 licensee; or

23 (2) exempt pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto, and does 24 not engage in money transmission outside the scope of such exemption.

25 (c) A license issued pursuant to section 13, and amendments thereto, shall not be transferable or assignable. 26

Sec. 9. (a) To establish consistent licensing practices between Kansas 27 28 and other states, the commissioner is hereby authorized to:

29 (1) Implement all licensing provisions of this act in a manner consistent with other states that have adopted this act or multistate 30 31 licensing processes; and

32 (2) participate in nationwide protocols for licensing cooperation and 33 coordination among state regulators, if such protocols are consistent with 34 this act.

35 The commissioner is authorized to establish relationships or (b)36 contracts with the national multistate licensing system and registry or other 37 entities designated by the national multistate licensing system and registry 38 to:

39 (1) Collect and maintain records;

40 (2) coordinate multistate licensing processes and supervision 41 processes;

(3) process fees; and 42

43 (4) facilitate communication between the commissioner and licensees

1 or other persons subject to this act.

(c) The commissioner may utilize the nationwide multistate licensing
system and registry for all aspects of licensing in accordance with this act,
including, but not limited to, license applications, applications for
acquisitions of control, surety bonds, reporting, criminal history
background checks, credit checks, fee processing and examinations.

7 (d) The commissioner may utilize nationwide multistate licensing 8 system and registry forms, processes and functionalities in accordance 9 with this act. If the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry 10 does not provide functionality, forms or processes for the provision of this act, the commissioner is authorized to implement the requirements in a 11 12 manner that facilitates uniformity regarding the licensing, supervision, 13 reporting and regulation of licensees that are licensed in multiple 14 iurisdictions.

(e) The commissioner may establish new requirements or waive or
modify, in whole or in part, any or all of the existing requirements as
reasonably necessary to participate in the nationwide multistate licensing
system and registry through the adoption of any rules and regulations
adopted or an order issued or the issuance of an order.

20 Sec. 10. (a) Applicants for a license shall submit a completed 21 application in a form and manner as prescribed by the commissioner. Each 22 such application shall contain content as set forth by rules and regulations, 23 instruction or procedure of the commissioner and may be changed or 24 updated by the commissioner in accordance with applicable law to carry 25 out the purposes of this act and maintain consistency with nationwide 26 multistate licensing system and registry licensing standards and practices. 27 The application shall state or contain, as applicable:

(1) The legal name and any fictitious or trade name used by the
 applicant in conducting business and the residential and business addresses
 of the applicant;

(2) a list of any criminal convictions of the applicant and any material
litigation in which the applicant was involved in the 10-year period
immediately preceding the submission of the application;

34 (3) a description of any money transmission services previously
 35 provided by the applicant and the money transmission services the
 36 applicant seeks to provide in Kansas;

(4) a list of the applicant's proposed authorized delegates and the
locations in Kansas where the applicant and the applicant's authorized
delegates propose to engage in money transmission;

40 (5) a list of all other states where the applicant is licensed to engage
41 in money transmission and any license revocations, suspensions or other
42 disciplinary action taken against the applicant in other states;

43 (6) information concerning any bankruptcy or receivership

1 proceedings affecting the licensee or a person in control of a licensee;

2 (7) a sample form of the contract for authorized delegates, if 3 applicable;

4 (8) a sample form of the payment instrument or stored value, as 5 applicable;

6 (9) the name and address of any federally insured depository financial 7 institution through which the applicant plans to conduct money 8 transmission; and

9 (10) any other information the commissioner or the nationwide 10 multistate licensing system and registry reasonably requires regarding the 11 applicant.

(b) If an applicant is a corporation, limited liability company,partnership or other legal entity, the applicant shall also provide:

14 (1) The date of the applicant's incorporation or formation and state or 15 country of incorporation or formation;

16 (2) a certificate of good standing from the state or country where the 17 applicant is incorporated or formed, if applicable;

(3) a brief description of the business structure or organization of the
 applicant, including any parents or subsidiaries of the applicant and
 whether any such parents or subsidiaries are publicly traded;

(4) the legal name, any fictitious or trade name, all business and
residential addresses and the employment, as applicable, for the 10-year
period immediately preceding the submission of the application for each
key individual and person in control of the applicant;

(5) for any person in control of the applicant, a list of any felony convictions and for the 10-year period immediately preceding the submission of the application, a list of any criminal misdemeanor convictions of a crime of dishonesty, fraud or deceit and any material litigation in which the person involved is in control of an applicant that is not an individual;

(6) a copy of the applicant's audited financial statements for the most
recent fiscal year and for the two-year period immediately preceding the
most recent fiscal year or, if acceptable to the commissioner, certified
unaudited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year or other
period acceptable to the commissioner;

36 (7) a certified copy of the applicant's unaudited financial statements37 for the most recent fiscal quarter;

(8) if the applicant is a publicly traded corporation, a copy of the most
 recent report filed with the securities and exchange commission pursuant
 to 15 U.S.C. § 78m;

(9) if the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of:

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42 (A) A corporation publicly traded in the United States, a copy of the 43 parent corporation's audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal 1 year or a copy of the parent corporation's most recent financial report filed

- with the securities and exchange commission pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78m;
 or
- 4 (B) a corporation publicly traded outside the United States, a copy of 5 documentation similar to the requirements of paragraph (A) filed with the 6 regulator of the parent corporation's domicile outside the United States;
- 7 (10) the name and address of the applicant's registered agent in 8 Kansas; and
- 9 (11) any other information that the commissioner reasonably requires 10 regarding the applicant.
- 11 (c) The commissioner shall set a nonrefundable new application fee 12 each year pursuant to section 3(b), and amendments thereto.
- (d) The commissioner may waive one or more requirements of
 subsections (a) or (b) or permit an applicant to submit other information in
 lieu of the required information.
- 16 Sec. 11. (a) As a part of any original application, any individual in 17 control of a licensee, any applicant in control of a licensee and each key 18 individual shall provide the commissioner with the following items 19 through the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry:
- 20 (1) (A) The office of the state bank commissioner may require an 21 individual to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal 22 history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the 23 individual and to determine whether such individual has a record of 24 criminal history in this state or other jurisdictions. The office of the state 25 bank commissioner is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state 26 27 and national criminal history record check. The office of the state bank 28 commissioner may use the information obtained from fingerprinting and 29 the criminal history for purposes of verifying the identification of the individual and in the official determination of the qualifications and fitness 30 31 of the individual to be issued or to maintain a license;
- (B) Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist
 the office of the state bank commissioner in taking and processing of
 fingerprints of applicants for and holders of any license, registration,
 permit or certificate;
- 36 (C) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release all records of 37 adult convictions and nonconvictions in Kansas and adult convictions, 38 adjudications and nonconvictions of another state or country to the office 39 of the state bank commissioner. Disclosure or use of any information 40 received for any purpose other than provided in this section shall be a class 41 A misdemeanor and shall constitute grounds for removal from office or 42 termination of employment; and
- 43 (D) Any individual that currently resides and has continuously

resided outside of the United States for the past 10 years shall not be 1 2 required to comply with this subsection; and

(2) a description of the individual's personal history and experience 3 provided in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner to obtain 4 5 the following:

6 (A) An independent credit report from a consumer reporting agency. 7 This requirement shall be waived if the individual does not have a social 8 security number;

9 (B) information related to any criminal convictions or pending charges; and 10

11 (C) information related to any regulatory or administrative action and 12 any civil litigation involving claims of fraud, misrepresentation, conversion, mismanagement of funds, breach of fiduciary duty or breach 13 14 of contract

15 (b) (1) If the individual has resided outside of the United States at any time during the 10-year period immediately preceding the individual's 16 17 application, the individual shall also provide an investigative background 18 report prepared by an independent search firm.

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(2) At a minimum, the search firm shall:

20 (A) Demonstrate that it has sufficient knowledge and resources and 21 that such firm employs accepted and reasonable methodologies to conduct 22 the research of the background report; and

23 (B) not be affiliated with or have an interest with the individual it is 24 researching.

(3) The investigative background report shall be provided in English 25 and, at a minimum, shall contain the following: 26

(A) A comprehensive credit report or any equivalent information 27 28 obtained or generated by the independent search firm to accomplish such 29 report, including a search of the court data in the countries, provinces, states, cities, towns and contiguous areas where the individual resided and 30 31 worked if such report is available in the individual's current jurisdiction of 32 residency;

33 (B) criminal records information for the 10-year period immediately preceding the individual's application, including, but not limited to, 34 35 felonies, misdemeanors or similar convictions for violations of law in the 36 countries, provinces, states, cities, towns and contiguous areas where the 37 individual resided and worked;

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(C) employment history;

39 (D) media history including an electronic search of national and local publications, wire services and business applications; and 40

41 (E) financial services-related regulatory history, including, but not 42 limited to, money transmission, securities, banking, insurance and 43 mortgage-related industries.

(c) Any information required by this section may be used by the 1 2 commissioner in making an official determination of the qualifications and 3 fitness of the person in control or who seeks to gain control of the licensee.

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Sec. 12. (a) A person is presumed to exercise a controlling influence 5 when such person holds the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at least 6 10% of the outstanding voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or 7 person in control of a licensee.

8 (b) A person presumed to exercise a controlling influence pursuant to 9 this section may rebut the presumption of control if the person is a passive 10 investor.

11 (c) For purposes of determining the percentage of a person controlled by any individual, the individual's interest shall be aggregated with the 12 interest of any other immediate family member, including the individual's 13 spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers-in-law and fathers-in-law, 14 15 sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and 16 any other person who shares such individual's home.

17 (a) (1) When an application for an original license under this Sec. 13. 18 act appears to include all the items and addresses all of the matters that are 19 required, the application shall be deemed complete, and the commissioner 20 shall promptly notify the applicant of the date the application is deemed 21 complete. The commissioner shall approve or deny the application within 22 120 days after the completion date.

23 (2) If the application has not been approved or denied within 120 24 days after the completion date:

(A) The application shall be considered approved; and

(B) the license shall take effect as of the first business day after 26 27 expiration of the 120-day period.

28 (3) The commissioner may extend the application period for good 29 cause.

30 (b) A determination by the commissioner that an application is 31 complete and accepted for processing means that the application, on its 32 face, appears to include all of the items, including the criminal history 33 background check response from the Kansas bureau of investigation and 34 that such application addresses all of the matters that are required. A 35 determination of completion by the commissioner shall not be deemed to 36 be an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency 37 of the information provided.

38 (c) When an application is filed and considered complete under this 39 section, the commissioner shall investigate the applicant's financial 40 condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character and general fitness. The commissioner may conduct an on-site 41 42 investigation of the applicant at the applicant's expense. The commissioner 43 shall issue a license to an applicant under this section if the commissioner 1 finds that the following conditions have been fulfilled:

2 (1) The applicant has complied with sections 10 and 11, and 3 amendments thereto; and

4 (2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business 5 experience, competence, character and general fitness of the applicant and 6 key individuals and persons in control of the applicant indicate that it is in 7 the interest of the public to permit the applicant to engage in money 8 transmission.

9 (d) If an applicant avails itself or is otherwise subject to a multistate 10 licensing process:

(1) The commissioner is hereby authorized to accept the investigation
results of a lead investigative state to satisfy the requirements of
subsection (c) if such lead investigative state has sufficient staffing,
expertise and minimum standards; or

15 (2) if Kansas is the lead investigative state, the commissioner is 16 hereby authorized to investigate the applicant pursuant to subsection (c) 17 utilizing the timeframes established by agreement through the multistate 18 licensing process. No such timeframes shall be considered noncompliant 19 with the application period in subsection (a)(1).

20 (e) The commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial 21 of a license application within 14 days of the decision to deny the 22 application. The commissioner shall state in the notice of denial the 23 specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose 24 application is denied by the commissioner under this subsection may 25 appeal within 14 days of receiving the notice and request a hearing in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et 26 seq., and amendments thereto. 27

(f) The initial license term shall begin on the day the application is
approved. The license shall expire on December 31 of the year in which
the license term began, unless the initial license date is between November
1 and December 31, in which case the initial license term shall run through
December 31 of the following year.

33 Sec. 14. (a) (1) A license issued under this act shall be renewed 34 annually.

35 (2) An annual renewal fee set by the commissioner shall be paid not36 more than 60 days before the license expiration.

(3) The renewal term shall be for a period of one year and shall begin
on January 1 of each year after the initial license term and shall expire on
December 31 of the year the renewal term begins.

40 (b) A licensee shall submit a complete renewal report with the 41 renewal fee, in a form and manner determined by the commissioner. The 42 renewal report shall contain a description of each material change in 43 information submitted by the licensee in the licensee's original license 1 application that has not been reported to the commissioner.

2 (c) Renewal applications received within 30 days of the expiration of 3 the license and incomplete applications as of 30 days prior to the 4 expiration of the license shall be subject to a late fee set by the 5 commissioner.

6 (d) The commissioner may grant an extension of the renewal date for 7 good cause.

8 (e) The commissioner is hereby authorized to utilize the nationwide 9 multistate licensing system and registry to process license renewals, if 10 such utilization satisfies the requirements of this section.

(f) Renewal applications submitted between November 1, 2024 and
 December 31, 2024, considered complete pursuant to K.S.A. 9-509, and
 amendments thereto, shall be considered complete under this section.

Sec. 15. (a) If a licensee does not continue to meet the qualifications or satisfy the requirements of an applicant for a new money transmission license, the commissioner may suspend or revoke the licensee's license in accordance with the procedures established by this act or other applicable state law for such suspension or revocation.

(b) An applicant for a money transmission license shall demonstrate
that such applicant meets or will meet and a money transmission licensee
shall at all times meet, the requirements of sections 32, 33 and 34, and
amendments thereto.

Sec. 16. (a) The commissioner shall have the discretion to determine the completeness of any application submitted pursuant to this act. In making such a determination, the commissioner shall consider the applicant's compliance with the requirements of the act and any other facts and circumstances that the commissioner deems appropriate.

(b) If an applicant fails to complete the application for a new license or for a change of control of a license within 60 days after the commissioner provides written notice of the incomplete application, the application will be deemed abandoned and the application fee shall be nonrefundable. An applicant whose application is abandoned under this section may reapply to obtain a new license.

Sec. 17. (a) When any person or group of persons acting in concert are seeking to acquire control of a licensee, the licensee shall obtain the written approval of the commissioner prior to the change of control. An individual is not deemed to acquire control of a licensee and is not subject to this section when that individual becomes a key individual in the ordinary course of business.

40 (b) A person or group of persons acting in concert that seeks to
41 acquire control of a licensee in cooperation with such licensee shall submit
42 an application in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.
43 Such application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee set by the

1 commissioner.

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(c) Upon request, the commissioner may permit a licensee, the person
or group of persons acting in concert to submit some or all information
required by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) without using the
nationwide multistate licensing system and registry.

6 (d) The application required by subsection (b) shall include all
7 information required by section 11, and amendments thereto, for any new
8 key individuals who have not previously completed the requirements of
9 section 11, and amendments thereto, for a licensee.

10 (e) (1) When an application for acquisition of control under this 11 section appears to include all the items and addresses all of the matters that 12 are required, the application shall be deemed complete and the 13 commissioner shall promptly notify the applicant of the date on which the 14 application was so deemed, and the commissioner shall approve or deny 15 the application within 60 days after the completion date.

16 (2) If the application is not approved or denied within 60 days after 17 the completion date:

(A) The application shall be deemed approved; and

19 (B) the person or group of persons acting in concert shall not be 20 prohibited from acquiring control.

21 (3) The commissioner may extend the application period for good 22 cause.

(f) A determination by the commissioner 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 addresses all of the matters that are required. A determination of completion by the commissioner shall not be deemed to be an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.

(g) When an application is filed and considered complete under subsection (e), the commissioner shall investigate the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character and general fitness of the person or group of persons acting in concert who seek to acquire control. The commissioner shall approve an acquisition of control pursuant to this section if the commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

36 (1) The requirements of subsections (b) and (d) have been met, as 37 applicable; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character and general fitness of the person or group of persons acting in concert seeking to acquire control and the key individuals and persons that would be in control of the licensee after the acquisition of control indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the person or group of persons acting in concert to control the 1 licensee.

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2 (h) If an applicant avails itself or is otherwise subject to a multistate 3 licensing process:

4 (1) The commissioner shall be authorized to accept the investigation 5 results of a lead investigative state for the purposes of subsection (g) if the 6 lead investigative state has sufficient staffing, expertise and minimum 7 standards; or

8 (2) if Kansas is a lead investigative state, the commissioner shall be 9 authorized to investigate the applicant pursuant to subsection (g) and the 10 timeframes established by agreement through the multistate licensing 11 process.

12 (i) The commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of an application to acquire control within 30 days of the decision to deny 13 the application. The commissioner shall state in the notice of denial the 14 15 specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose 16 application is denied by the commissioner under this subsection may 17 appeal within 14 days and request a hearing in accordance with the Kansas 18 administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and amendments 19 thereto.

20 (j) The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to any 21 of the following:

(1) A person that acts as a proxy for the sole purpose of voting at a
 designated meeting of the shareholders or holders of voting shares or
 voting interests of a licensee or a person in control of a licensee;

(2) a person that acquires control of a licensee by devise or descent;

26 (3) a person that acquires control of a licensee as a personal
27 representative, custodian, guardian, conservator or trustee or as an officer
28 appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law;

(4) a person that is exempt under subsection (1);

30 (5) a person that the commissioner determines is not subject to 31 subsection (a) based on the public interest;

32 (6) a public offering of securities of a licensee or a person in control33 of a licensee; or

34 (7) an internal reorganization of a person in control of the licensee if35 the ultimate person in control of the licensee remains the same.

36 (k) Persons meeting the requirements of subsections (j)(2), (j)(3), (j)37 (4), (j)(6) or (j)(7) in cooperation with the licensee shall notify the 38 commissioner within 15 days after the acquisition of control.

(1) (1) The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to a person that has complied with and received approval to engage in money transmission under this act or was identified as a person in control in a prior application filed with and approved by the commissioner or by a money service business-accredited state pursuant to a multistate licensing 1 process, if:

2 (A) The person has not had a license revoked or suspended or 3 controlled a license that has had a license revoked or suspended while the 4 person was in control of the licensee in the previous five years;

5 (B) the person is a licensee, such person is well managed and has 6 received at least a satisfactory rating for compliance at such person's most 7 recent examination by an money service business accredited state if such 8 rating was given;

9 (C) the licensee to be acquired is expected to meet the requirements 10 of sections 32, 33 and 34, and amendments thereto, after the acquisition of 11 control is completed. If the person acquiring control is a licensee, such 12 licensee shall also be expected to meet the requirements of sections 32, 33 13 and 34, and amendments thereto, after the acquisition of control is 14 completed;

15 (D) the licensee to be acquired shall not implement any material 16 changes to such licensee's business plan as a result of the acquisition of 17 control. If the person acquiring control is a licensee, such licensee shall not 18 implement any material changes to such licensee's business plan as a result 19 of the acquisition of control; and

20 (E) the person provides notice of the acquisition in cooperation with 21 the licensee and attests to the provisions of this subsection in a form and 22 manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(2) If the notice is not disapproved within 30 days after the date on
which the notice was determined to be complete, the notice shall be
deemed approved.

(m) Before filing an application for approval to acquire control of a licensee, a person may request in writing a determination from the commissioner as to whether such person would be considered a person in control of a licensee upon consummation of a proposed transaction. If the commissioner determines that the person would not be a person in control of a licensee, the person and the proposed transaction shall not be subject to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b).

(n) If a multistate licensing process includes a determination pursuant
 to subsection (m) and an applicant avails itself or is otherwise subject to
 the multistate licensing process:

(1) The commissioner is hereby authorized to accept the control
determination of a lead investigative state with sufficient staffing,
expertise and minimum standards for the purpose of subsection (m); or

(2) if Kansas is a lead investigative state, the commissioner is hereby
authorized to investigate the applicant pursuant to subsection (m) and the
timeframes established by agreement through the multistate licensing
process.

43 Sec. 18. (a) A licensee adding or replacing a key individual shall

1 provide:

2 (1) Notice in the manner prescribed by the commissioner within 15
3 days after the effective date of the appointment of the new key individual;
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5 (2) information as required by section 10, and amendments thereto, 6 within 45 days of the effective date of the appointment of the new key 7 individual.

8 (b) Within 90 days of the date on which the notice provided pursuant 9 to subsection (a) was determined to be complete, the commissioner may 10 issue a notice of disapproval of a key individual if the competence, 11 experience, character or integrity of the individual would not be in the best 12 interests of the public or the customers of the licensee to permit the 13 individual to be a key individual of such licensee.

14 (c) A notice of disapproval shall state the basis for disapproval and 15 shall be sent to the licensee and the disapproved individual. A licensee may 16 appeal a notice of disapproval pursuant to the Kansas administrative 17 procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, within 14 18 days.

(d) If the notice provided pursuant to subsection (a) is not
disapproved within 90 days after the date when the notice was determined
to be complete, the key individual shall be deemed approved.

(e) If a multistate licensing process includes a key individual notice
 review and disapproval process pursuant to this section and the licensee
 avails itself or is otherwise subject to the multistate licensing process:

(1) The commissioner is hereby authorized to accept the
 determination of another state if the investigating state has sufficient
 staffing, expertise and minimum standards for the purpose of this section;
 or

(2) if Kansas is a lead investigative state, the commissioner is
 authorized to investigate the applicant pursuant to subsection (b) and the
 timeframes established by agreement through the multistate licensing
 process.

Sec. 19. (a) Every licensee shall submit a report of condition within
45 days of the end of the calendar quarter or within any extended time as
the commissioner may prescribe.

36 37 (b) The report of condition shall include:

(1) Financial information at the licensee level;

(2) nationwide and state-specific money transmission transaction
 information in every jurisdiction in the United States where the licensee is
 licensed to engage in money transmission;

41 (3) the permissible investments report;

42 (4) transaction destination country reporting for money received for 43 transmission, if applicable; and 1 (5) any other information the commissioner reasonably requires 2 regarding the licensee.

3 (c) The commissioner may utilize the nationwide multistate licensing 4 system and registry for the submission of the report required by subsection 5 (a) and is authorized to change or update as necessary the requirements of 6 this section to carry out the purposes of this act and maintain consistency 7 with nationwide multistate licensing system and registry reporting.

8 (d) The information required by subsection (b)(4) shall only be 9 included in a report of condition submitted within 45 days of the end of the 10 fourth calendar quarter.

11 Sec. 20. (a) Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year or within 12 any extended time as the commissioner may prescribe through rules and 13 regulations, every licensee shall file with the commissioner:

(1) An audited financial statement of the licensee for the fiscal year
 prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting
 principles; and

17 (2) any other information as the commissioner may reasonably 18 require.

(b) The audited financial statements shall be prepared by an
independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant
who has been deemed satisfactory by the commissioner.

(c) The audited financial statements shall include or be accompanied by a certificate of opinion of the independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant in a form and manner determined by the commissioner. If the certificate or opinion is qualified, the commissioner may order the licensee to take any action as the commissioner may find necessary to enable the independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant to remove the qualification.

Sec. 21. (a) Each licensee shall submit a report of authorized delegates within 45 days of the end of each calendar quarter. The commissioner is authorized to utilize the nationwide multistate licensing system and registry for the submission of the report required by this subsection if such utilization is consistent with the requirements of this section.

(b) The authorized delegate report shall include, at a minimum, eachauthorized delegate's:

- 37 (1) Company legal name;
- 38 (2) taxpayer employer identification number;
- 39 (3) principal provider identifier;
- 40 (4) physical address;
- 41 (5) mailing address;
- 42 (6) any business conducted in other states;
- 43 (7) any fictitious or trade name;

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(8) contact person's name, phone number and email;

(9) start date as the licensee's authorized delegate;

3 (10) end date acting as the licensee's authorized delegate, if 4 applicable; and

5 (11) any other information the commissioner reasonably requires 6 regarding the authorized delegate.

7 Sec. 22. (a) A licensee shall file a report with the commissioner 8 within one business day after the licensee has reason to know of the:

9 (1) Filing of a bankruptcy or reorganization petition by or against the 10 licensee;

(2) filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the
commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for the
licensee's dissolution or reorganization or the making of a general
assignment for the benefit of the licensee's creditors; or

(3) commencement of a proceeding to revoke or suspend the
licensee's license in a state or country where the licensee engages in
business or is licensed.

(b) A licensee shall file a report with the commissioner within three
business days after the licensee has reason to know of a felony conviction
of:

(1) The licensee or a key individual or person in control of thelicensee; or

(2) an authorized delegate.

Sec. 23. A licensee and an authorized delegate shall file all reports required by federal currency reporting, recordkeeping and suspicious activity reporting requirements as set forth in federal and state laws pertaining to money laundering. The timely filing of a complete and accurate report required under this section with the appropriate federal agency is deemed compliant with the requirements of this section.

30 Sec. 24. (a) Every licensee shall maintain the following records for at 31 least three years:

(1) A record of each outstanding money transmission obligation sold;

33 (2) a general ledger posted at least monthly containing all assets,
34 liability, capital, income and expense accounts;

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(3) bank statements and bank reconciliation records;

(4) records of all outstanding money transmission obligations;

(5) records of each outstanding money transmission obligation paidwithin the three-year period the records are maintained;

39 (6) a list of the last known names and addresses of all the licensee's40 authorized delegates; and

41 (7) any other records the commissioner reasonably requires in rules 42 and regulations.

43 (b) Records specified in subsection (a) may be maintained:

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(1) In any form of record; and

2 (2) outside this state, if such records are made accessible to the 3 commissioner on seven business days' notice.

4 (c) All records maintained by the licensee as required in this section 5 are open to inspection by the commissioner pursuant to section 5(a), and 6 amendments thereto.

Sec. 25. (a) As used in this section, "remit" means to make direct
payments of money to a licensee or the licensee's representative authorized
to receive money or to deposit money in a bank in an account specified by
the licensee.

(b) Before a licensee is authorized to conduct business through an
 authorized delegate or allows a person to act as the licensee's authorized
 delegate, the licensee shall:

(1) Adopt and update as necessary all written policies and procedures
 reasonably designed to ensure that the licensee's authorized delegates
 comply with applicable state and federal law;

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(2) enter into a written contract that complies with subsection (d); and

(3) conduct a reasonable risk-based background investigation
 sufficient for the licensee to determine if the authorized delegate has
 complied and will likely comply with applicable state and federal law.

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(c) An authorized delegate shall comply with this act.

(d) The written contract required by subsection (b) shall be signed bythe licensee and the authorized delegate and, at a minimum, shall:

(1) Appoint the person signing the contract as the licensee's
authorized delegate with the authority to conduct money transmission on
behalf of the licensee;

(2) set forth the nature and scope of the relationship between the
 licensee and the authorized delegate and the respective rights and
 responsibilities of each party;

(3) require the authorized delegate to agree to fully comply with all
 applicable state and federal laws and rules and regulations pertaining to
 money transmission;

(4) require the authorized delegate to remit and handle money and
any monetary value in accordance with the terms of the contract between
the licensee and the authorized delegate;

(5) impose a trust on money and any monetary value net of fees
received for money transmission for the benefit of the licensee;

(6) require the authorized delegate to prepare and maintain records as
 required by this act or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this act or
 as reasonably required by the commissioner;

41 (7) acknowledge that the authorized delegate consents to examination42 or investigation by the commissioner;

43 (8) state that the licensee is subject to regulation by the commissioner

and, as part of such regulation, the commissioner may suspend or revoke
 an authorized delegate designation or require the licensee to terminate an
 authorized delegate designation; and

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(9) acknowledge receipt of the written policies and procedures required under subsection (b).

6 (e) Within five business days after the suspension, revocation, 7 surrender or expiration of a licensee's license, the licensee shall provide 8 documentation to the commissioner that the licensee has notified all 9 applicable authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a 10 record filed with the commissioner of the suspension, revocation, surrender or expiration of a license. Upon suspension, revocation, 11 12 surrender or expiration of a license, all applicable authorized delegates 13 shall immediately cease to provide money transmission as an authorized delegate of the licensee. 14

(f) 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 an 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 shall 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.

(g) No authorized delegate shall use a subdelegate to conduct moneytransmission on behalf of a licensee.

Sec. 26. No person shall engage in the business of money transmission on behalf of a person who is not licensed or exempt from licensing under this act. If a person engages in such activity, such person shall be deemed to have provided money transmission to the same extent that such person were a licensee and shall be jointly and severally liable with the unlicensed or nonexempt person.

Sec. 27. (a) Every licensee shall forward all moneys received for transmission in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the sender unless the licensee reasonably believes or has a reasonable basis to believe that the sender may be a victim of fraud or that a crime or violation of law or any rules and regulations has occurred, is occurring or may occur.

(b) If a licensee fails to forward money received for transmission in
accordance with this section, the licensee shall respond to inquiries by the
sender with the reason for the failure unless providing a response would
violate a state or federal law or rules and regulations.

40 Sec. 28. (a) This section does not apply to moneys received for 41 transmission:

(1) Subject to 12 C.F.R. §§ 1005.30 through 1005.36; or

43 (2) pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and payee to

1 process payments for goods or services provided by the payee.

2 (b) Within 10 days of receipt of the sender's written request for a 3 refund of all money received for transmission, the licensee shall refund 4 such money to the sender, unless:

5 (1) The money has been forwarded within 10 days of the date when 6 the money was received for transmission;

7 (2) instructions have been given committing an equivalent amount of 8 money to the person designated by the sender within 10 days of the date 9 when the money was received for transmission;

(3) the agreement between the licensee and the sender instructs the licensee to forward the money after 10 days of the date when the money was received for transmission. If funds have not yet been forwarded in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the sender, the licensee shall issue a refund in accordance with this section; or

15 (4) the refund is requested for a transaction that the licensee has not 16 completed based on a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe 17 that a crime or violation of law, rules and regulations has occurred, is 18 occurring or may occur.

19 (c) The refund request shall not be construed to enable the licensee to 20 identify the:

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(1) Sender's name and address or telephone number; or

(2) particular transaction to be refunded if the sender has multipleoutstanding transactions.

Sec. 29. (a) This section shall not apply to:

(1) Money received for transmission subject to 12 C.F.R. §§ 1005.30
through 1005.36;

(2) money received for transmission that is not primarily for personal,family or household purposes;

(3) money received for transmission pursuant to a written agreement
between the licensee and payee to process payments for goods or services
provided by the payee; or

(4) payroll processing services.

33 (b) As used in this section, "receipt" means a paper or electronic34 receipt.

(c) (1) For a transaction conducted in person, the receipt may be
 provided electronically if the sender requests or agrees to receive an
 electronic receipt.

(2) For a transaction conducted electronically or by phone, a receipt
 may be provided electronically. All electronic receipts shall be provided in
 a retainable form.

41 (d) (1) Every licensee or the licensee's authorized delegate shall 42 provide the sender a receipt for money received for transmission.

43 (2) The receipt shall contain the:

1 (A) Name of the sender;

(B) name of the designated recipient;

(C) date of the transaction;

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(D) unique transaction or identification number;

5 (E) name of the licensee, the licensee's nationwide multistate 6 licensing system and registry unique identification number, the licensee's 7 business address and the licensee's customer service telephone number;

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(F) amount of the transaction in United States dollars;

9 (G) fee charged, if any, by the licensee to the sender for the 10 transaction; and

11 (H) taxes collected, if any, by the licensee from the sender for the 12 transaction.

(3) The receipt required by this section shall be written in English and
 in the language principally used by the licensee or authorized delegate to
 advertise, solicit or negotiate, either orally or in writing, for a transaction
 conducted in person, electronically or by phone, if other than English.

Sec. 30. Every licensee or authorized delegate shall include on a receipt or disclose on the licensee's website or mobile application the name of the office of the state bank commissioner and a statement that the licensee's Kansas customers can contact the office of the state bank commissioner with questions or complaints about the licensee's money transmission services.

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Sec. 31. (a) A licensee that provides payroll processing services shall:

(1) Issue reports to clients detailing client payroll obligations inadvance of the payroll funds being deducted from an account; and

26 (2) make available worker paystubs or an equivalent statement to 27 workers.

(b) This section shall not apply to a licensee providing payroll
 processing services where the licensee's client designates the intended
 recipients to the licensee and is responsible for providing the disclosures.

31 Sec. 32. (a) Every licensee shall maintain at all times a tangible net 32 worth of:

(1) The greater of \$100,000 or 3% of such licensee's total assets up to
\$100,000,000;

35 (2) 2% of such licensee's additional assets of \$100,000,000 to 36 \$1,000,000,000; and

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(3) 0.5% of such licensee's additional assets of over \$1,000,000,000.

(b) The licensee's tangible net worth shall be demonstrated at initial
application by the applicant's most recent audited or unaudited financial
statements pursuant to section 10, and amendments thereto.

41 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commissioner
42 shall have the authority to exempt any applicant or licensee, in part or in
43 whole, from the requirements of this section.

1 Sec. 33. (a) An applicant for a money transmission license shall 2 provide and a licensee at all times shall maintain security consisting of a 3 surety bond in a form satisfactory to the commissioner or, with the 4 commissioner's approval, a deposit instead of a bond in accordance with 5 this section.

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(b) The amount of the required security shall be:

7 (1) The greater of \$200,000 or an amount equal to 100% of the 8 licensee's average daily money transmission liability in Kansas calculated 9 for the most recently completed three-month period, up to a maximum of 10 \$1,000,000; or

(2) \$200,000, if the licensee's tangible net worth exceeds 10% of totalassets.

(c) A licensee that maintains a bond in the maximum amount
 provided for in subsection (b) shall not be required to calculate its average
 daily money transmission liability in Kansas for purposes of this section.

16 (d) A licensee may exceed the maximum required bond amount 17 pursuant to section 35, and amendments thereto.

18 Sec. 34. (a) A licensee shall maintain permissible investments that 19 have a market value computed in accordance with United States generally 20 accepted accounting principles of not less than the aggregate amount of the 21 total of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations.

(b) Except for the permissible investments described in section 35, and amendments thereto, the commissioner may by rules and regulations or order limit the extent to which a specific investment maintained by a licensee within a class of permissible investments may be considered a permissible investment, if the specific investment represents undue risk to customers not reflected in the market value of investments.

28 (c) Permissible investments, even if commingled with other assets of the licensee, shall be held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and 29 30 holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations in the 31 event of insolvency, the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 through 110 for bankruptcy or reorganization, the filing 32 33 of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement 34 of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for such licensee's 35 dissolution or reorganization or in the event of an action by a creditor 36 against the licensee who is not a beneficiary of this statutory trust. No 37 permissible investments impressed with a trust pursuant to this subsection 38 shall be subject to attachment, levy of execution or sequestration by order 39 of any court, except for a beneficiary of this statutory trust.

(d) Upon the establishment of a statutory trust in accordance with
subsection (c) or when any funds are drawn on a letter of credit pursuant to
section 35, and amendments thereto, the commissioner shall notify the
applicable regulator of each state where the licensee is licensed to engage

1 in money transmission, if any, of the establishment of the trust or the funds 2 drawn on the letter of credit, as applicable. Notice shall be deemed 3 satisfied if performed pursuant to a multistate agreement or through the 4 nationwide multistate licensing system and registry. Funds drawn on a 5 letter of credit and any other permissible investments held in trust for the 6 benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding money 7 transmission obligations shall be deemed held in trust for the benefit of 8 such purchasers and holders on a pro rata and equitable basis in 9 accordance with statutes pursuant to which permissible investments are 10 required to be held in Kansas and other states, as applicable. Any statutory 11 trust established under this section shall be terminated upon 12 extinguishment of all of the licensee's outstanding money transmission 13 obligations.

(e) The commissioner by rules and regulations or by order may allow
other types of investments that the commissioner determines are of
sufficient liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment. The
commissioner is hereby authorized to participate in efforts with other state
regulators to determine which other types of investments are of sufficient
liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment.

20 Sec. 35. (a) The following investments are permissible under this 21 section:

22 (1) Cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits and funds in 23 accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's customers in a federally 24 insured depository financial institution and cash equivalents including 25 automated clearing house items in transit to the licensee and automated 26 clearing house items or international wires in transit to a payee, cash in 27 transit via armored car, cash in smart safes, cash in licensee-owned 28 locations, debit card or credit card-funded transmission receivables owed 29 by any bank or money market mutual funds rated AAA by Standard & 30 Poor or the equivalent from any eligible rating service;

(2) certificates of deposit or senior debt obligations of a federally
 insured depository institution;

(3) an obligation of the United States or a commission, agency or
 instrumentality thereof, an obligation that is guaranteed fully as to
 principal and interest by the United States or an obligation of a state or a
 governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof;

(4) (A) the full drawable amount of an irrevocable standby letter of
credit for which the stated beneficiary is the commissioner that stipulates
that the beneficiary need only draw a sight draft under the letter of credit
and present it to obtain funds up to the letter of credit amount within seven
days of presentation of the items required by subparagraph (D);

42 (B) the letter of credit shall:

43 (i) Be issued by a federally insured depository financial institution, a

foreign bank that is authorized under federal law to maintain a federal
 agency or federal branch office in a state or states or a foreign bank that is
 authorized under state law to maintain a branch in a state that:

4 (a) Bears an eligible rating or whose parent company bears an eligible 5 rating; and

6 (b) is regulated, supervised and examined by United States federal or 7 state authorities having regulatory authority over banks, credit unions and 8 trust companies;

9 (ii) be irrevocable, unconditional and indicate that such letter of credit 10 is not subject to any condition or qualifications outside of such letter of 11 credit;

(iii) contain no references to any other agreements, documents orentities or otherwise provide for a security interest in the licensee; and

(iv) contain an issue date and expiration date and expressly provide
for automatic extension, without a written amendment, for an additional
period of one year from the present or each future expiration date unless
the issuer of the letter of credit notifies the commissioner in writing by
certified or registered mail or courier mail or other receipted means at least
60 days prior to any expiration date, that the irrevocable letter of credit
will not be extended;

21 (C) if any notice of expiration or non-extension of a letter of credit is 22 issued under clause (a)(4)(B)(iv), the licensee shall be required to 23 demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner, 15 days prior to 24 expiration, that the licensee maintains and shall maintain permissible 25 investments in accordance with section 36(a), and amendments thereto, 26 upon the expiration of the letter of credit. If the licensee is not able to do 27 so, the commissioner may draw on the letter of credit in an amount up to 28 the amount necessary to meet the licensee's requirements to maintain 29 permissible investments in accordance with section 34(a). and 30 amendments thereto. Any such draw shall be offset against the licensee's 31 outstanding money transmission obligations. The drawn funds shall be 32 held in trust by the commissioner or the commissioner's designated agent, 33 to the extent authorized by law, as agent for the benefit of the purchasers 34 and holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations;

(D) the letter of credit shall provide that the issuer of such letter of
credit shall honor, at sight, a presentation made of the following
documents by the beneficiary to the issuer on or prior to the expiration
date of the letter of credit:

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(i) The original letter of credit, including any amendments; and

40 (ii) a written statement from the beneficiary stating that any of the 41 following events have occurred:

42 (a) The filing of a bankruptcy or reorganization petition by or against43 the licensee;

1 (b) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership 2 or the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for such licensee's dissolution or reorganization; 3

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(c) the seizure of assets of a licensee by a commissioner pursuant to 5 an emergency order issued in accordance with applicable law, on the basis 6 of an action, violation or condition that has caused or is likely to cause the 7 insolvency of the licensee; or

8 (d) the beneficiary has received notice of expiration or non-extension of a letter of credit and the licensee failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction 9 of the beneficiary that the licensee will maintain permissible investments 10 in accordance with section 36(a), and amendments thereto, upon the 11 expiration or non-extension of the letter of credit; 12

13 (E) the commissioner may designate an agent to serve on the commissioner's behalf as beneficiary to a letter of credit if the agent and 14 letter of credit meet requirements established by the commissioner. The 15 16 commissioner's agent may serve as agent for multiple licensing authorities 17 for a single irrevocable letter of credit if the proceeds of the drawable 18 amount for the purposes of subsection (a)(4) are assigned to the 19 commissioner: and

20 (F) the commissioner is hereby authorized to participate in multistate 21 processes designed to facilitate the issuance and administration of letters 22 of credit, including, but not limited to, services provided by the nationwide 23 multistate licensing system and registry and state regulatory registry, LLC; 24 and

25 (5) 100% of the surety bond provided for under section 33, and amendments thereto, that exceeds the average daily money transmission 26 27 liability in Kansas.

28 (b) (1) Unless permitted by the commissioner by rules and 29 regulations adopted or by order issued to exceed the limit as set forth herein, the following investments are permissible under section 35, and 30 31 amendments thereto, to the extent specified:

32 (A) Receivables payable to a licensee from the licensee's authorized 33 delegates in the ordinary course of business that are less than seven days old up to 50% of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible 34 35 investments: and

36 (B) of the receivables permissible under subparagraph (A), 37 receivables payable to a licensee from a single authorized delegate in the 38 ordinary course of business may not exceed 10% of the aggregate value of 39 the licensee's total permissible investments.

(2) The following investments are permissible up to 20% per 40 41 category and up to 50% combined of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments: 42

43 (A) A short-term investment of up to six months, bearing an eligible 1 rating;

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(B) commercial paper bearing an eligible rating;

(C) a bill, note, bond or debenture bearing an eligible rating;

4 (D) United States tri-party repurchase agreements collateralized at
5 100% or more with United States government or agency securities,
6 municipal bonds or other securities bearing an eligible rating;

7 (E) money market mutual funds rated less than AAA and equal to or 8 higher than A- by Standard & Poor or the equivalent from any other 9 eligible rating service; and

(F) a mutual fund or other investment fund composed solely and
exclusively of one or more permissible investments listed in subsection (a)
(1) through (3).

(3) Cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits and funds in
such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's customers, at foreign
depository institutions are permissible up to 10% of the aggregate value of
the licensee's total permissible investments if the licensee has received a
satisfactory rating in the licensee's most recent examination and the
foreign depository institution:

19 20 (A) Has an eligible rating;

(B) is registered under the foreign account tax compliance act;

(C) is not located in any country subject to sanctions from the officeof foreign asset control; and

(D) is not located in a high-risk or non-cooperative jurisdiction as
 designated by the financial action task force.

Sec. 36. (a) The commissioner may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, suspend or revoke a license or order a licensee to revoke the designation of an authorized delegate if:

30 (1) The licensee violates this act or any rules and regulations adopted31 or an order issued under this act;

32 (2) the licensee does not cooperate with an examination or33 investigation by the commissioner;

34 (3) the licensee engages in fraud, intentional misrepresentation or35 gross negligence;

(4) an authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or
federal anti-money laundering statute or violates any rules or regulations
adopted or an order issued under this act, as a result of the licensee's
willful misconduct or willful blindness;

40 (5) the competence, experience, character or general fitness of the 41 licensee, authorized delegate, person in control of a licensee, key 42 individual or responsible person of the authorized delegate indicates that it 43 is not in the public interest to permit the person to provide money 1 transmission;

2 (6) the licensee engages in an unsafe or unsound practice as
3 determined by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (b);

4 (7) the licensee is insolvent, suspends payment of the licensee's 5 obligations or makes a general assignment for the benefit of the licensee's 6 creditors;

(8) the licensee does not remove an authorized delegate after the
commissioner issues and serves upon the licensee a final order that
includes a finding that the authorized delegate has violated this act;

10 (9) a fact or condition exists that, if it had existed when the licensee 11 applied for a license, would have been grounds for denying the 12 application;

(10) the licensee's net worth becomes inadequate and the licensee,after 10 days, fails to take steps to remedy the deficiency;

(11) the licensee demonstrated a pattern of failing to promptly payobligations;

(12) the licensee applied for adjudication, reorganization or otherrelief under bankruptcy; or

(13) the licensee lied or made false or misleading statements to anymaterial fact or omitted any material fact.

(b) In determining whether a licensee is engaging in an unsafe or
 unsound practice, the commissioner may consider the size and condition of
 the licensee's money transmission, the magnitude of the loss, the gravity of
 the violation of this act and the previous conduct of the person involved.

25 Sec. 37. (a) The commissioner may issue an order suspending or 26 revoking the designation of an authorized delegate, if the commissioner 27 finds that the:

28 (1) Authorized delegate violated this act or any rules and regulations
29 adopted or an order issued under this act;

30 (2) authorized delegate did not cooperate with an examination or31 investigation by the commissioner;

32 (3) authorized delegate engaged in fraud, intentional
 33 misrepresentation or gross negligence;

34 (4) authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or federal35 anti-money laundering statute;

(5) the competence, experience, character or general fitness of the
authorized delegate or a person in control of the authorized delegate
indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the authorized
delegate to provide money transmission; or

40 (6) the authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound 41 practice as determined by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (b).

42 (b) In determining whether an authorized delegate is engaging in an 43 unsafe or unsound practice, the commissioner may consider the size and 1 condition of the authorized delegate's provision of money transmission, the 2 magnitude of the loss, the gravity of the violation of this act or any rules and regulations adopted or an order issued under this act and the previous 3 4 conduct of the authorized delegate.

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(c) An authorized delegate may apply for relief from a suspension or 6 revocation of designation as an authorized delegate according to 7 procedures prescribed by the commissioner in rules and regulations.

8 (a) If the commissioner determines that a violation of this act Sec. 38. 9 or of any rules and regulations adopted or an order issued under this act by 10 a licensee, a person required to be licensed or authorized delegate is likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm to the licensee, the licensee's 11 customers or the public as a result of the violation or cause insolvency or 12 significant dissipation of assets of the licensee, the commissioner may 13 14 issue an order requiring the licensee or authorized delegate to cease and desist from the violation. The order shall become effective upon service of 15 16 the order on the licensee or authorized delegate.

17 (b) The commissioner may issue an order against a licensee to cease and desist from providing money transmission through an authorized 18 19 delegate that is the subject of a separate order by the commissioner.

20 (c) An order to cease and desist shall remain effective and 21 enforceable pending the completion of an administrative proceeding 22 pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et 23 seq., and amendments thereto.

24 (d) An order to cease and desist shall be considered a final order 25 unless the licensee or authorized delegate requests a hearing within 14 26 days after the cease and desist order is issued.

27 Sec. 39. The commissioner may enter into a consent order at any time 28 with a person to resolve a matter arising under this act or any rules and 29 regulations adopted or order issued under this act. A consent order shall be 30 signed by the person to whom such consent order is issued or by the 31 person's authorized representative and shall indicate agreement with the terms contained in the order. A consent order may provide that such 32 33 consent order does not constitute an admission by a person that this act or 34 rules and regulations adopted or an order issued under this act has been 35 violated

36 Sec. 40. (a) Any person that intentionally makes a false statement, 37 misrepresentation or false certification in a record filed or required to be 38 maintained under this act or that intentionally makes a false entry or omits 39 a material entry in such a record is guilty of a severity level 9, nonperson 40 felony.

41 (b) Any person that knowingly engages in an activity for which a 42 license is required under this act without being licensed under this act and 43 who receives more than \$500 in compensation within a 30-day period

from this activity is guilty of a severity level 9, nonperson felony. 1

2 (c) Any person that knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is required under this act without being licensed under this act and 3 who receives not more than \$500 in compensation within a 30-day period 4 from this activity is guilty of a class A nonperson misdemeanor. 5

6 Sec. 41. (a) As part of any summary order or consent order, the 7 commissioner may:

8 (1) Assess a fine against any person who violates this act or any rules 9 and regulations adopted hereunder in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation. The commissioner may designate any fine collected pursuant to 10 this section be used for consumer education: 11

12 (2) assess the agency's operating costs and expenses for investigating and enforcing this act; 13

14 (3) require the person to pay restitution for any loss arising from the 15 violation or requiring the person to reimburse any profits arising from the 16 violation;

17 (4) prohibit the person from future application for licensure pursuant 18 to the act: and

19 (5) require such affirmative action as determined by the 20 commissioner to carry out the purposes of this act.

21 (b) (1) The commissioner may enter into an informal agreement at 22 any time with a person to resolve a matter arising under this act, rules and 23 regulations adopted hereunder or an order issued pursuant to this act.

(2) Any informal agreement authorized by this subsection shall be 24 25 considered confidential examination material. The adoption of an informal agreement authorized by this subsection shall not be: 26

(A) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and 27 amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., and amendments thereto; 28 29

considered an order or other agency action; (B)

(C) subject to the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and 30 31 amendments thereto; or

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(D) discovery or be admissible in evidence in any private civil action.

33 (3) The provisions of this subsection providing for the confidentiality of public records shall expire on July 1, 2030, unless the legislature 34 35 reviews and reenacts such provisions in accordance with the Kansas open 36 records act, K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2030.

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(c) Through an examination finding, the commissioner may:

38 (1) Assess a fine against any licensee who violates this act or rules 39 and regulations adopted thereto, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation. The commissioner may designate any fine collected pursuant to 40 41 this section be used for consumer education: or

(2) require the licensee to pay restitution for any loss arising from the 42 43 violation or require the person to reimburse any profits arising from the

1 violation.

Sec. 42. The provisions of this act are severable. If any portion of the act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, or the application of any portion of the act to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other portions of the act that can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, and the applicability of such other portions of the act to any person or circumstance shall remain valid and enforceable.

9 Sec. 43. K.S.A. 9-508, 9-509, 9-510, 9-510a, 9-511, 9-513, 9-513a, 9-10 513b, 9-513c, 9-513d, 9-513e and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 9-512 are hereby 11 repealed.

Sec. 44. This act shall take effect and be in force from and afterJanuary 1, 2025, and its publication in the statute book.