

HOUSE BILL No. 1217

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 28-16; IC 35-52-28-15.

Synopsis: Regulation of stablecoin. Provides that: (1) a payment stablecoin may be issued in Indiana only by a licensed payment stablecoin issuer; and (2) beginning July 1, 2028, subject to specified exceptions, a digital asset service provider may not offer or sell a payment stablecoin in Indiana that is not issued by a licensed payment stablecoin issuer. Requires the department of financial institutions (department) to: (1) administer licensure of persons to act as payment stablecoin issuers; and (2) regulate and supervise licensed payment stablecoin issuers. Establishes requirements for licensure as a payment stablecoin issuer and a process by which an applicant for licensure may appeal denial of the applicant's application. Imposes reporting requirements for licensed payment stablecoin issuers. Specifies powers of the department in regulating and supervising licensed payment stablecoin issuers. Specifies civil and criminal penalties for violations. Provides for priority of claims in an insolvency action regarding a licensed payment stablecoin issuer.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 28-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 2 A **NEW** ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 3 2026]:
- 4 **ARTICLE 16. DIGITAL ASSETS**
- 5 **Chapter 1. Definitions**
- 6 **Sec. 1. The definitions in:**
- 7 (1) **this chapter; and**
- 8 (2) **12 U.S.C. 5901;**
- 9 **apply throughout this article.**
- 10 **Sec. 2. "Department" means the department of financial**
- 11 **institutions.**
- 12 **Sec. 3. "Hardware wallet" means:**
- 13 (1) **a physical device that:**
- 14 (A) **is not continuously connected to the Internet; and**
- 15 (B) **enables an individual to secure and transfer digital**
- 16 **assets; or**
- 17 (2) **a physical device that enables the owner of digital assets to**



retain independent control over the digital assets.

Sec. 4. "Licensed payment stablecoin issuer", or "licensee" means a person that is licensed under IC 28-16-2-4.

Sec. 5. "Software wallet" means a software application that:

(1) enables an individual to secure and transfer digital assets;

or

(2) enables the owner of digital assets to retain independent control over the digital assets.

Chapter 2. Regulation of Stablecoin

Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to a licensed payment stablecoin issuer to the extent that federal law precludes or preempts the application of this chapter to a permitted payment stablecoin issuer.

Sec. 2. A payment stablecoin may be issued in Indiana only by a licensed payment stablecoin issuer.

Sec. 3. (a) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) A direct transfer of a digital asset between two (2) individuals acting on the individuals' own behalf and for the individuals' own lawful purposes, without the involvement of an intermediary.

(2) A transaction involving transfer of a digital asset by an individual between:

(A) an account in the United States; and

(B) an account outside the United States;

that are held by the individual and that are administered by the same entity.

(3) A transaction conducted by means of a hardware wallet or software wallet that facilitates an individual's custody of digital assets.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a), beginning July 1, 2028, a digital asset service provider may not offer or sell in Indiana a payment stablecoin that is not issued by a licensed payment stablecoin issuer.

Sec. 4. (a) The department shall:

(1) establish standards and processes for:

(A) licensure of persons to act as permitted payment stablecoin issuers in Indiana, including examination and qualification standards and processes; and

(B) regulation and supervision of licensed payment stablecoin issuers in Indiana;

that prioritize the financial soundness of licensed payment stablecoin issuers; and



1 (2) receive and evaluate applications submitted by applicants
2 to the department for licensure as a permitted payment
3 stablecoin issuer in Indiana.

4 (b) A person that wishes to be licensed as a permitted payment
5 stablecoin issuer in Indiana must submit an application for
6 licensure to the department in the form and manner prescribed by
7 the department.

8 (c) The department shall evaluate an application for licensure
9 submitted under subsection (b) as follows:

10 (1) The department shall determine whether the application
11 is substantially complete. An application is substantially
12 complete for purposes of this subdivision if the application
13 contains sufficient information for the department to render
14 a decision regarding the factors set forth in subdivision (2).

15 (2) If the department finds an application to be substantially
16 complete under subdivision (1), the department shall evaluate
17 the application based on the following criteria:

18 (A) The ability of the applicant, based on the applicant's
19 financial condition and resources, to meet the
20 requirements set forth under 12 U.S.C. 5903.

21 (B) Whether an officer or director of the applicant has
22 been convicted of a felony offense involving insider
23 trading, embezzlement, cybercrime, money laundering,
24 financing of terrorism, or financial fraud.

25 (C) The competence, experience, and integrity of the
26 officers, directors, and principal shareholders of the
27 applicant, of any subsidiaries of the applicant, and of any
28 parent company of the applicant, including:

29 (i) the record of the officers', directors', and principal
30 shareholders' compliance with state and federal laws and
31 regulations; and

32 (ii) the ability of the officers, directors, and principal
33 shareholders to fulfill any commitments to, and any
34 conditions imposed by, the department in connection
35 with licensure as a permitted payment stablecoin issuer
36 in Indiana.

37 (D) Whether the redemption policy of the applicant meets
38 the standards set forth under 12 U.S.C. 5903.

39 (E) Any other factors established under federal regulations
40 or by the department that are necessary to ensure the
41 applicant's financial soundness as a permitted payment
42 stablecoin issuer.



1 (d) Not later than thirty (30) days after receiving an application
 2 for licensure under subsection (b), the department shall notify the
 3 applicant as to:

4 (1) whether the department considers the application to be
 5 substantially complete under subsection (c)(1); and

6 (2) if the application is not substantially complete, the
 7 additional information the applicant must provide in order
 8 for the application to be considered substantially complete.

9 (e) If the department finds an application for licensure under
 10 subsection (b) to be substantially complete, the department shall
 11 consider the application to no longer be substantially complete only
 12 if there is a material change in circumstances sufficient to require
 13 the department to treat the application as a new application.

14 (f) Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving
 15 a substantially complete application for licensure under subsection
 16 (b), the department shall:

17 (1) either approve or deny the application; and

18 (2) notify the applicant of the department's approval or denial
 19 of the application.

20 (g) The department shall deny a substantially complete
 21 application for licensure under subsection (b) only if the
 22 department finds, based on the factors under subsection (c)(2), that
 23 the operations of the applicant as a permitted payment stablecoin
 24 issuer would be financially unsound. The department shall not
 25 consider issuance of payment stablecoins on an open, public, or
 26 decentralized network to be a ground for finding that the
 27 operations of an applicant as a permitted payment stablecoin issuer
 28 would be financially unsound.

29 (h) Not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the
 30 department notifies an applicant of the department's denial of the
 31 applicant's application for licensure under subsection (g), the
 32 department shall provide the applicant with written notice
 33 explaining the reasons for the denial with specificity, including:

34 (1) all findings made by the department with respect to all
 35 identified material shortcomings in the application; and

36 (2) actionable recommendations as to how the applicant can
 37 address the identified material shortcomings.

38 (i) Not later than thirty (30) days after an applicant receives a
 39 notice under subsection (h), the applicant may request, in writing,
 40 an opportunity to appeal the denial in an oral hearing before the
 41 department.

42 (j) Upon the department's receipt of an applicant's timely



request under subsection (i), the department shall provide the applicant notice of the time, which may not be later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the department receives the request, and place at which the applicant may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials or provide oral testimony and oral argument in appeal of the denial.

(k) Not later than sixty (60) days after the date of an applicant's hearing under subsection (j), the department shall provide the applicant with notice of the department's final determination, which must contain a statement of the basis for the department's determination, including the department's specific findings.

(l) If an applicant does not make a timely request for a hearing under subsection (i), the department shall notify the applicant in writing, not later than ten (10) days after the date by which the applicant's request for a hearing must be made under subsection (i), that the denial of the applicant's application is the final determination of the department.

(m) If the department fails to notify an applicant of the department's approval or denial of the applicant's substantially complete application within the time period specified in subsection (f), the application is considered approved.

(n) The denial of an applicant's application under this section does not prohibit the applicant from filing a subsequent application for licensure under this section.

(o) The department shall:

(1) notify the governor when the department begins processing applications under this chapter; and

(2) not later than January 1 of each year, report to the general assembly, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, regarding any application for licensure under this chapter:

(A) that, as of December 31 of the immediately preceding year, has been pending for one hundred eighty (180) days or more since the date on which the application was initially submitted; and

(B) for which the applicant has been informed that the application is not substantially complete;

including documentation on the status of the application and why the application has not yet been approved.

(p) A person licensed as a permitted payment stablecoin issuer under this chapter is not required to obtain any other license or charter to act as a permitted payment stablecoin issuer in Indiana.

Sec. 5. (a) Not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the



1 date on which a licensed payment stablecoin issuer's application
 2 for licensure is approved under section 4 of this chapter, and not
 3 later than one hundred eighty (180) days after that date in each
 4 year thereafter, the licensed payment stablecoin issuer shall file
 5 with the department a certification that the licensed payment
 6 stablecoin issuer has implemented anti-money laundering and
 7 economic sanctions compliance programs that are reasonably
 8 designed to prevent the licensed payment stablecoin issuer from
 9 facilitating:

10 (1) money laundering, particularly with regard to money
 11 laundering for cartels and organizations designated as foreign
 12 terrorist organizations under 8 U.S.C. 1189; and

13 (2) the financing of terrorist activities;

14 in accordance with the requirements of 12 U.S.C. 5901 et seq.

15 (b) The department shall make certifications filed under
 16 subsection (a) available to the United States Department of the
 17 Treasury upon request by the United States Department of the
 18 Treasury.

19 (c) The department may revoke the department's approval of a
 20 person's application for licensure under section 4 of this chapter if
 21 the person fails to file the certification required under subsection
 22 (a) not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date on
 23 which the department approves the person's application.

24 Sec. 6. (a) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
 25 implement this chapter, including for the purpose of recovering the
 26 cost of administering and enforcing this chapter by imposing and
 27 collecting proportionate and equitable fees and costs associated
 28 with receiving and evaluating applications, conducting
 29 examinations, conducting investigations, and other actions
 30 required to achieve the purposes of this chapter.

31 (b) The department may conduct an examination or
 32 investigation of a licensed payment stablecoin issuer or otherwise
 33 take independent action authorized by this chapter as reasonably
 34 necessary or appropriate to administer and enforce this chapter,
 35 the department's rules implementing this chapter, and other state
 36 and federal law applicable to this chapter.

37 (c) To carry out the purposes of this chapter, the department
 38 may do any of the following:

39 (1) Enter into agreements or relationships with other state
 40 and federal government officials, regulatory agencies, and
 41 regulatory associations for the purpose of regulatory
 42 efficiency through standardization of methods and procedures



and sharing of resources, records, or related information obtained under this chapter.

(2) Conduct examinations in conjunction with other state or federal government agencies.

(3) Use, hire, contract for, or employ analytical personnel, systems, methods, and software to examine or investigate licensed payment stablecoin issuers.

(4) Incorporate:

(A) licensing, examination, and investigation reports from other state or federal government agencies and officials; and

(B) audit reports regarding licensees and applicants for licensure under this chapter from independent certified public accountants and other qualified third-party auditors;

into the department's examination or investigation reports.

(5) Summon and examine an individual under oath and require the individual to produce records regarding any matter related to the condition and business of a licensed payment stablecoin issuer or authorized delegate of a licensed payment stablecoin issuer.

(d) Rules adopted by the department to regulate licensed payment stablecoin issuers must, at minimum, ensure that licensed payment stablecoin issuers are in compliance with federal laws and regulations applicable to permitted payment stablecoin issuers.

(e) The department shall provide notice to licensed payment stablecoin issuers of any changes in federal laws and regulations applicable to permitted payment stablecoin issuers.

Sec. 7. (a) A licensed payment stablecoin issuer shall provide to the department, at the department's request, and at the location and in the format specified by the department, any record the department reasonably requires to conduct a complete examination for purposes of this chapter. The department may utilize multistate record production standards and examination procedures if the standards will reasonably achieve the requirements of this chapter.

(b) Unless otherwise directed by the department, a licensed payment stablecoin issuer shall pay all costs reasonably incurred in connection with an examination of the licensed payment stablecoin issuer, or of an authorized delegate of the licensed payment stablecoin issuer, under this chapter.

Sec. 8. (a) The department may suspend or revoke a license



issued under this chapter if:

(1) the licensee violates this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter;

(2) the licensee does not cooperate with an examination or investigation by the department;

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

(4) the competence, experience, character, or general fitness of:

(A) the licensee; or

(B) a:

(i) person in control;

(ii) key individual; or

(iii) responsible person;

of the licensee or of an authorized delegate of the licensee; indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the person to issue payment stablecoins;

(5) the licensee engages in an unsafe or unsound practice; or

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

(b) In determining whether a licensee is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice for purposes of subsection (a)(5), the department may consider the size and condition of the licensee's payment stablecoin issuance, the magnitude of a loss, the severity of a violation of this chapter, and the previous conduct of the licensee or other person responsible for the violation.

(c) If the department determines that a violation of this chapter, or of a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter, by a licensee is likely to:

(1) cause immediate and irreparable harm to:

(A) the licensee;

(B) the licensee's customers; or

(C) the public; or

(2) cause insolvency or significant dissipation of assets of the licensee;

the department may issue an order requiring the licensee to cease and desist from the violation.

(d) If the department has reason to believe that a person who is not licensed under this chapter is engaging in an activity for which a license is required under this chapter:

(1) the department may issue an order to the person to show



1 cause as to why the department should not issue an order
 2 requiring the person to cease and desist from the activity; or
 3 (2) if the department determines that the person's activity is
 4 likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm, the
 5 department may petition a court for ex parte issuance of an
 6 order temporarily enjoining the person from engaging in the
 7 activity.

8 (e) An order issued by the department with regard to a person
 9 under subsection (c) or (d):

10 (1) is effective upon service of the order on the person;

11 (2) expires ten (10) days after the order is issued unless the
 12 department commences an administrative review of the order
 13 under IC 4-21.5; and

14 (3) remains effective and enforceable pending the completion
 15 of an administrative review under subdivision (2).

16 (f) A person that is served with an order to cease and desist
 17 under this section may petition a court for a judicial order setting
 18 aside, limiting, or suspending the enforcement, operation, or
 19 effectiveness of the order pending the completion of an
 20 administrative proceeding under subsection (e)(2).

21 **Sec. 9.** The department may enter into a consent order with a
 22 person at any time to resolve a matter arising under this chapter
 23 or under a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter. A
 24 consent order under this section:

25 (1) must be signed by the person to whom the consent order
 26 is issued or by the person's authorized representative;

27 (2) must indicate the person's agreement with the terms set
 28 forth in the consent order; and

29 (3) may provide that the consent order does not constitute an
 30 admission by the person of a violation of this chapter or of a
 31 rule adopted or order issued under this chapter.

32 **Sec. 10. (a)** A person that intentionally:

33 (1) makes a false statement, misrepresentation, or false
 34 certification; or

35 (2) makes a false entry or omits a material entry;

36 in a record filed or required to be maintained under this chapter,
 37 including a certification filed under section 5 of this chapter,
 38 commits a Class A misdemeanor.

39 (b) A person that:

40 (1) is not licensed under this chapter;

41 (2) knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is
 42 required under this chapter; and



(3) receives not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) within a thirty (30) day period as a result of the activity under subdivision (2);

commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) A person that:

(1) is not licensed under this chapter;

(2) knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is required under this chapter; and

(3) receives more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) within a thirty (30) day period as a result of the activity under subdivision (2);

commits a Level 6 felony.

(d) If the department determines, after notice to the person and an opportunity for the person to be heard, that a person has violated this chapter, the department may, in addition to or instead of all other remedies available under this chapter, impose upon the person a civil penalty in an amount equal to:

(1) not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation; plus

(2) the department's cost of investigating and prosecuting the violation, including the department's reasonable attorney's fees.

Sec. 11. The following apply to an insolvency proceeding regarding a licensed payment stablecoin issuer:

(1) Subject to subdivision (3), the claim of a person holding payment stablecoins issued by the licensed payment stablecoin issuer has priority, in ratable proportion to the claims of other persons holding payment stablecoins issued by the licensed payment stablecoin issuer, over the claims of the licensed payment stablecoin issuer and any other claimant against the licensed payment stablecoin issuer, with respect to the licensed payment stablecoin issuer's required reserves under 12 U.S.C. 5903.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person holding a payment stablecoin issued by the licensed payment stablecoin issuer has a valid claim against the licensed payment stablecoin issuer.

(3) Subdivision (1) does not apply to claims other than those arising directly from the holding of payment stablecoins.

SECTION 2. IC 35-52-28-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. IC 28-16-2-10 defines a crime



1 **concerning payment stablecoin.**

