SENATE BILL NO. 152

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/21/16

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- 1 "An Act relating to a money services business; relating to transmitting value that
- 2 substitutes for money; relating to licensing requirements and registration through the
- 3 Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry; relating to surety bonding
- 4 requirements; authorizing certain licensees to contract to use subdelegates for reloading
- 5 funds onto stored-value cards; relating to record retention, reporting requirements, and
- 6 enforcement provisions; relating to exemptions; relating to money services Internet
- 7 activities; relating to definitions regarding the transmitting value, currency, and money
- 8 transmission business activities; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

- * **Section 1.** AS 06.55.101(a) is amended to read:
- 11 (a) <u>Unless exempt under AS 06.55.802, a</u> [A] person may not engage in the business of money transmission or advertise, solicit, or hold the person out as

1	providing money transmission unless the person
2	(1) holds a money transmission license; or
3	(2) is an authorized delegate of a person who holds a money
4	transmission license.
5	* Sec. 2. AS 06.55.101(c) is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
6	(c) A person required to be licensed under AS 06.55.101 - 06.55.106 shall
7	register with the registry and maintain a valid unique identifier issued by the registry.
8	* Sec. 3. AS 06.55.102 is repealed and reenacted to read:
9	Sec. 06.55.102. Application for license. An application for a money
10	transmission license under this chapter must
11	(1) be in a format established by the department;
12	(2) contain complete information required by the department;
13	(3) include each control person's fingerprints for submission to the
14	Department of Public Safety or the Federal Bureau of Investigations and any
15	governmental agency or entity authorized to receive that information to obtain a report
16	of criminal justice information and a national criminal history record check;
17	(4) include personal history and experience in a format established by
18	the department to obtain
19	(A) an independent credit report from a consumer reporting
20	agency; and
21	(B) information related to administrative, civil, or criminal
22	findings by a governmental jurisdiction;
23	(5) contain other information or supporting material that the
24	department may require concerning the applicant, including the organization and
25	operations of an applicant for a money transmission license and the financial
26	responsibility, background, experience, and activities of the applicant;
27	(6) include a nonrefundable application fee and an initial license fee, as
28	established by the department; and
29	(7) include a surety bond as required by AS 06.55.104.
30	* Sec. 4. AS 06.55.104 is repealed and reenacted to read:
31	Sec. 06.55.104. Security. (a) A surety bond must accompany an application

1	for a money transmission license. The surety bond must be at least \$25,000 and may
2	not exceed \$1,000,000 as established by the department.
3	(b) The surety bond must be in a form satisfactory to the department and
4	payable to the state for the benefit of the state and any person or persons who suffer
5	loss due to a violation of this chapter by a licensee or a licensee's authorized delegate.

- (c) The aggregate liability on a surety bond may not exceed the principal sum of the bond. A claimant against a money transmission licensee may maintain an action on the bond, or the department may maintain an action on behalf of the claimant.
- (d) A surety bond must cover claims for as long as the department specifies, but for at least five years after the date the money transmission licensee stops providing money services in this state. The department may permit the amount of security to be reduced or eliminated before the expiration of that time to the extent the amount of the money transmission licensee's payment instruments or stored-value obligations outstanding is reduced.
- (e) The bond must be obtained from a surety company authorized to do business in this state.
- (f) If a money transmission licensee does not maintain a surety bond in the amount required under (a) of this section, the department may issue an order under AS 06.55.603.
- * Sec. 5. AS 06.55.105 is repealed and reenacted to read:

- **Sec. 06.55.105. Issuance of license.** (a) When an application is filed under AS 06.55.102, the department shall investigate the applicant's financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness. The department may conduct an investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which the applicant shall pay. The department shall issue a money transmission license to an applicant under AS 06.55.102 if the department finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:
- (1) the applicant has complied with the requirements of this chapter for obtaining the license;
- (2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the applicant indicate that it

1	is in the interest of the public to permit the applicant to engage in money transmission;
2	and
3	(3) the applicant, including any employees or independent contractors
4	of the applicant, is not listed on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked
5	Persons List or any other Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions list prepared by
6	the United States Department of the Treasury or designated successor agency.
7	(b) When an application for an original money transmission license under
8	AS 06.55.102 is complete, the department shall promptly notify the applicant in a
9	record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and the
10	department shall approve or deny the application not later than 120 days after that
11	date.
12	(c) The department may for good cause extend the application period.
13	(d) An applicant whose application under AS 06.55.102 is denied by the
14	department under AS 06.55.101 - 06.55.106 may appeal, not later than 30 days after
15	receipt of the notice of the denial, and request a hearing.
16	(e) A license issued under AS 06.55.101 - 06.55.106 remains in effect until
17	December 31 of the year in which the license is issued, unless the license is revoked,
18	is suspended, or is surrendered.
19	* Sec. 6. AS 06.55.106 is repealed and reenacted to read:
20	Sec. 06.55.106. Renewal of license. (a) To renew a license, the licensee shall
21	submit to the department a
22	(1) renewal application at a time and in a format established by the
23	department;
24	(2) renewal fee as established by the department; and
25	(3) report identifying any changes in the information previously
26	provided and any additional information requested by the department.
27	(b) The department shall approve or deny the application for renewal of a
28	license not later than 60 days after the renewal application is filed.
29	* Sec. 7. AS 06.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:
30	Sec. 06.55.108. Annual assessment fee and annual report. (a) A licensee
31	shall pay an annual assessment fee as established by the department not later than the

1	annual assessment due date or, if the annual assessment due date is not a business day,
2	on the next business day. Annual assessment fees shall be established by the
3	department in regulation.
4	(b) A licensee shall submit an accurate annual report with the annual
5	assessment in a format established by the department.
6	(c) If a licensee does not file an annual report or pay its annual assessment by
7	the assessment due date, the department shall assess the licensee a late fee as
8	established by the department.
9	* Sec. 8. AS 06.55.201(a) is amended to read:
10	(a) Unless exempt under AS 06.55.802, a [A] person may not engage in the
11	business of currency exchange or advertise, solicit, or hold the person out as providing
12	currency exchange for which the person receives revenues equal or greater than five
13	percent of total revenues unless the person
14	(1) holds a currency exchange license; or
15	(2) holds a money transmission license [; OR
16	(3) IS AN AUTHORIZED DELEGATE OF A PERSON WHO
17	HOLDS A MONEY TRANSMISSION LICENSE].
18	* Sec. 9. AS 06.55.201 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
19	(c) A person required to be licensed under AS 06.201 - 06.55.206 must
20	register with the registry and maintain a valid unique identifier issued by the registry.
21	* Sec. 10. AS 06.55.202 is repealed and reenacted to read:
22	Sec. 06.55.202. Application for license. An application for a currency
23	exchange license must
24	(1) be in a format established by the department;
25	(2) contain complete information required by the department;
26	(3) include each control person's fingerprints for submission to the
27	Department of Public Safety or the Federal Bureau of Investigations and any
28	governmental agency or entity authorized to receive that information to obtain a report
29	of criminal justice information and a national criminal history record check.
30	(4) include personal history and experience in a format established by
31	the department to obtain

1	(A) an independent credit report from a consumer reporting
2	agency; and
3	(B) information related to administrative, civil, or criminal
4	findings by a governmental jurisdiction;
5	(5) contain other information or supporting material that the
6	department may require concerning the applicant, including the organization and
7	operations of an applicant for a currency exchange license and the financial
8	responsibility, background, experience, and activities of the applicant;
9	(6) include a nonrefundable application fee and an initial license fee, as
10	established by the department;
11	(7) include a surety bond as required by AS 06.55.206.
12	* Sec. 11. AS 06.55.203(a) is amended to read:
13	(a) When an application [FOR A CURRENCY EXCHANGE LICENSE] is
14	filed under AS 06.55.202 [AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.204], the department shall investigate
15	the applicant's financial condition and responsibility, financial and business
16	experience, competence, character, and general fitness. The department may conduct
17	an [ON-SITE] investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which the
18	applicant shall pay. The department shall issue a currency exchange license to an
19	applicant under AS 06.55.202 [AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.204] if the department finds that
20	all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:
21	(1) the applicant has complied with the requirements of this chapter
22	for obtaining the license [AS 06.55.202]; and
23	(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business
24	experience, competence, character, and general fitness [OF THE APPLICANT, AND
25	THE COMPETENCE, EXPERIENCE, CHARACTER, AND GENERAL FITNESS
26	OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS, AND PERSONS
27	IN CONTROL] of the applicant indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit
28	the applicant to engage in currency exchange; and
29	(3) the applicant, including any employees or independent
30	contractors of the applicant, is not listed on the Specially Designated Nationals
31	and Blocked Persons List or any other Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions

1	list prepared by the United States Department of the Treasury or designated
2	successor agency.
3	* Sec. 12. AS 06.55.203(b) is amended to read:
4	(b) When an application for an original currency exchange license under
5	AS 06.55.202 [AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.204] is complete, the department shall promptly
6	notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to
7	be complete, and
8	[(1)] the department shall approve or deny the application not later
9	than [WITHIN] 120 days after that date [; OR
10	(2) IF THE APPLICATION IS NOT APPROVED OR DENIED
11	WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THAT DATE,
12	(A) THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED; AND
13	(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE THE CURRENCY
14	EXCHANGE LICENSE UNDER AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.204 TO TAKE
15	EFFECT AS OF THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER EXPIRATION OF
16	THE PERIOD].
17	* Sec. 13. AS 06.55.203(d) is amended to read:
18	(d) An applicant whose application under AS 06.55.202 is denied by the
19	department under AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.206 [AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.204] may appeal,
20	not later than [WITHIN] 30 days after receipt of the notice of the denial, [FROM
21	THE DENIAL] and request a hearing.
22	* Sec. 14. AS 06.55.203 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
23	(e) A license issued under AS 06.55.201 - 06.55.206 remains in effect until
24	December 31 of the year in which the license is issued, unless the license is revoked,
25	is suspended, or is surrendered.
26	* Sec. 15. AS 06.55.204 is repealed and reenacted to read:
27	Sec. 06.55.204. Renewal of license. (a) To renew a license, the licensee shall
28	submit to the department a
29	(1) renewal application at a time and in a format established by the
30	department;
31	(2) renewal fee as established by the department; and

1	(3) report identifying any changes in the information previously
2	provided and any additional information requested by the department.
3	(b) The department shall approve or deny the application for renewal of a
4	license not later than 60 days after the renewal application is filed.
5	* Sec. 16. AS 06.55 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:
6	Sec. 06.55.206. Security. (a) A surety bond must accompany an application
7	for a currency exchange license. The surety bond must be at least \$25,000 and may not
8	exceed \$1,000,000 as established by the department.
9	(b) The surety bond must be in a form satisfactory to the department and
10	payable to this state for the benefit of this state and any person or persons who suffer
11	loss due to a violation of this chapter by a licensee or a licensee's authorized delegate.
12	(c) The aggregate liability on a surety bond may not exceed the principal sum
13	of the bond. A claimant against a currency exchange licensee may maintain an action
14	on the bond, or the department may maintain an action on behalf of the claimant.
15	(d) A surety bond must cover claims for as long as the department specifies,
16	but for at least five years after the date the currency exchange licensee stops providing
17	currency exchange in this state. The department may permit the amount of security to
18	be reduced or eliminated before the expiration of that time to the extent the amount of
19	the currency exchange licensee's outstanding obligations in this state is reduced.
20	(e) The bond shall be obtained from a surety company authorized to do
21	business in this state.
22	(f) If a currency exchange licensee does not maintain a surety bond in the
23	amount required under (a) of this section, the department may issue an order under
24	AS 06.55.603.
25	* Sec. 17. AS 06.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:
26	Sec. 06.55.207. Annual assessment and annual report. (a) A licensee shall
27	pay an annual assessment as established by the department not later than the annual
28	assessment due date or, if the annual assessment due date is not a business day, on the
29	next business day. Annual assessment fees shall be established by the department.
30	(b) A licensee shall submit an accurate annual report with the annual

assessment in a format established by the department.

1	(c) If a licensee does not file an annual report or pay its annual assessment by
2	the assessment due date, the department shall assess the licensee a late fee as
3	established by the department.
4	* Sec. 18. AS 06.55.301(b) is amended to read:
5	(b) An authorized delegate shall remit all money owing to the money services
6	licensee under the terms of the contract between the money services licensee and the

licensee under the terms of the contract between the money services licensee and the authorized delegate. [IN THIS SUBSECTION, "REMIT" MEANS TO MAKE DIRECT PAYMENTS OF MONEY TO A MONEY SERVICES LICENSEE OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE MONEY OR TO DEPOSIT MONEY IN A BANK IN AN ACCOUNT SPECIFIED BY THE MONEY SERVICES LICENSEE.]

* **Sec. 19.** AS 06.55.301(d) is amended to read:

- (d) An authorized delegate may not provide money services outside the scope of activity permissible under the contract between the authorized delegate and the money services licensee, except activity in which the authorized delegate is authorized to engage under **AS 06.55.101 06.55.206** [AS 06.55.101 06.55.204]. An authorized delegate of a money services licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the money services licensee all money net of fees received from money services.
- * Sec. 20. AS 06.55.301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
 - (f) A money services licensee may conduct business regulated under this chapter through an authorized delegate appointed by the licensee in accordance with this section. A licensee is responsible for acts of the authorized delegate, of which the licensee has or reasonably should have knowledge, that are conducted under the authority granted by the licensee and that relate to the licensee's money services business.
- * Sec. 21. AS 06.55 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to read:
 - **Sec. 06.55.304.** Limited authorization of subdelegate. (a) A money services licensee may contract with another money services licensee to use that other licensee's existing authorized delegate as a subdelegate to load funds onto the first licensee's existing open-loop stored-value cards. If the subdelegate sells new open-loop stored-value cards for the first licensee, that licensee shall add the subdelegate to the

(b) A money services licensee shall maintain all contracts under (a) of this section as part of the licensee's books and records and make them available to the department on request.

* Sec. 22. AS 06.55.401 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 06.55.401. Authority to conduct examinations. (a) A licensee or other person subject to this chapter shall make available to the department, on request, the place of business, books, records, accounts, safes, and vaults relating to the operations of the licensee or other person subject to this chapter. The department may interview any person, including control persons, officers, principals, employees, authorized delegates, and customers of the licensee or other person subject to this chapter concerning the licensee's or other person's business.

- (b) The department may conduct an examination or investigation of the books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information used in the business of a money services licensee or its authorized delegates in conjunction with representatives of other state agencies or agencies of another state or of the federal government. The department may accept an examination report or an investigation report of an agency of this state or of another state or of the federal government.
- (c) A joint examination or investigation, or an acceptance of an examination or investigation report, does not preclude the department from conducting an examination or investigation under this chapter. A joint report or a report accepted under this section is an official report of the department for all purposes.
- (d) For the purpose of hearings, investigations, or other proceedings under this chapter, the department or an officer designated by the department may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel the attendance of witnesses, take evidence, and require the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements, or other documents or records that the department considers relevant or material to the matter. Information obtained during an examination under this chapter may be disclosed only as provided in AS 06.55.407.
- (e) A person shall reimburse the department for reasonable costs incurred by the department to conduct an examination or investigation under this section.

2	Sec. 06.55.402. Cooperation. The department may consult and cooperate with
3	other state and federal regulators in enforcing and administering this chapter.
4	* Sec. 24. AS 06.55.403(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:
5	(b) A money services licensee shall file with the department not later than 45
6	days after the end of each fiscal quarter a report containing information about the
7	licensee, its locations, authorized delegates, and any other information as required by
8	the department. The department shall establish the content and form of the report.
9	* Sec. 25. AS 06.55.403(c) is amended to read:
10	(c) A money services licensee shall file a report with the department not later
11	than [WITHIN] one business day after the money services licensee has reason to
12	know of the occurrence of one or more [ANY] of the following events:
13	(1) the filing of a petition by or against the money services licensee
14	under 11 U.S.C. 101 - 110 (Bankruptcy Code) for bankruptcy or reorganization;
15	(2) the filing of a petition by or against the money services licensee for
16	receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for
17	its dissolution or reorganization, or the making of a general assignment for the benefit
18	of its creditors;
19	(3) the commencement of a proceeding to revoke or suspend its money
20	services license in a state or country in which the money services licensee engages in
21	business or is licensed;
22	(4) the cancellation or other impairment of the money services
23	licensee's bond [OR OTHER SECURITY];
24	(5) a charge against or conviction of the money services licensee or of
25	an officer, manager, director, or person in control of the money services licensee for a
26	felony; or
27	(6) a charge against or conviction of an authorized delegate for a
28	felony.
29	* Sec. 26. AS 06.55.403 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
30	(d) The department may establish a late fee or other consequence for a money
31	services licensee who fails to file a report as required by this section.

* Sec. 23. AS 06.55.402 is repealed and reenacted to read:

I	* Sec. 27. AS 06.55.404(a) is amended to read:
2	(a) A money services licensee shall
3	(1) give the department notice in a record 30 days before [OF] a
4	proposed change of control and give the department notice in a record not later
5	than [WITHIN] 15 days after learning of the proposed change of control;
6	(2) request approval of the change of control by submitting the
7	information required by the department [ACQUISITION]; and
8	(3) submit a nonrefundable fee with the notice as required by the
9	department.
10	* Sec. 28. AS 06.55.404(d) is amended to read:
11	(d) When an application for a change of control [UNDER AS 06.55.401 -
12	06.55.407] is complete, the department shall notify the money services licensee in a
13	record of the date on which the request was determined to be complete, and
14	[(1)] the department shall approve or deny the request not later than
15	[WITHIN] 120 days after that date [; OR
16	(2) IF THE REQUEST IS NOT APPROVED OR DENIED WITHIN
17	120 DAYS AFTER THAT DATE,
18	(A) THE REQUEST IS APPROVED; AND
19	(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERMIT THE CHANGE
20	OF CONTROL UNDER THIS SECTION, TO TAKE EFFECT AS OF THE
21	FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD].
22	* Sec. 29. AS 06.55.405(a) is amended to read:
23	(a) A [MONEY SERVICES] licensee shall maintain the following records for
24	determining its compliance with this chapter for at least five [THREE] years:
25	(1) a record of each payment instrument or stored-value obligation
26	sold;
27	(2) a general ledger posted at least monthly containing all asset,
28	liability, capital, income, and expense accounts;
29	(3) bank statements and bank reconciliation records;
30	(4) records of outstanding payment instruments and stored-value
31	obligations;

1	(5) records of each payment instrument and stored-value obligation
2	paid within the five-year [THREE-YEAR] period;
3	(6) a list of the last known names and addresses of all of the money
4	services licensee's authorized delegates;
5	(7) copies of all currency transaction reports and suspicious
6	activity reports filed in compliance with AS 06.55.406; and
7	(8) [(7)] any other records the department reasonably requires by
8	regulation.
9	* Sec. 30. AS 06.55.405(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:
10	(b) The items specified in (a) of this section must be provided in a format
11	established by the department.
12	* Sec. 31. AS 06.55.406 is repealed and reenacted to read:
13	Sec. 06.55.406. Money laundering reports. A money services licensee and an
14	authorized delegate shall file with the United States Department of the Treasury, or its
15	designated successor agency, all reports required by federal currency reporting, record
16	keeping, and suspicious transaction reporting requirements as set out in 31 U.S.C.
17	5311 - 5332 and other federal and state laws pertaining to money laundering.
18	* Sec. 32. AS 06.55.407(b) is amended to read:
19	(b) The department may disclose information that is not otherwise subject to
20	disclosure under (a) of this section to representatives of state or federal agencies who
21	agree in writing to [PROMISE IN A RECORD THAT THEY WILL] maintain the
22	confidentiality of the information or if the department finds that the release is
23	reasonably necessary for the protection of the public and in the interests of justice [,
24	AND THE MONEY SERVICES LICENSEE HAS BEEN GIVEN PREVIOUS
25	NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ITS INTENT TO RELEASE THE
26	INFORMATION].
27	* Sec. 33. AS 06.55.407(c) is amended to read:
28	(c) This section does not prohibit the department from disclosing to the public
29	(1) a list of money services licensees or authorized delegates,
30	including addresses and the names of contact individuals;
31	(2) the identity of a money services licensee or authorized delegate

1	subject to an emergency or final order of the department; or
2	(3) the aggregated financial data of [CONCERNING THOSE] money
3	services licensees.
4	* Sec. 34. AS 06.55.501(a) is amended to read:
5	(a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, a [A] money services licensee
6	shall maintain at all times permissible investments that have a market value computed
7	under generally accepted accounting principles of not less than the aggregate amount
8	of all of its outstanding payment instruments and stored-value obligations issued or
9	sold in all states and money transmitted from all states by the money services licensee.
10	* Sec. 35. AS 06.55.501(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:
11	(c) A permissible investment subject to this section, even if commingled with
12	other assets of the money services licensee, is considered by operation of law to be
13	held in trust for the benefit of any individual to whom an obligation arising under this
14	chapter is owed and may not be considered an asset or property of the licensee in the
15	event of bankruptcy, receivership, or a claim against the licensee unrelated to any of
16	the licensee's obligations under this chapter.
17	* Sec. 36. AS 06.55.601(a) is amended to read:
18	(a) The department may issue an order under AS 06.55.603 to suspend or
19	revoke a money services license, place a money services licensee in receivership, or
20	order a money services licensee to revoke the designation of an authorized delegate if
21	(1) the money services licensee violates this chapter or a regulation
22	adopted or an order issued under this chapter;
23	(2) the money services licensee did not permit or [DOES NOT]
24	cooperate with an examination or investigation by the department;
25	(3) the money services licensee engages in fraud, intentional
26	misrepresentation, or gross negligence;
27	(4) a money services licensee or an authorized delegate is convicted
28	of a violation of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute, or a law listed in
29	AS 06.55.860, or violates a regulation adopted or an order issued under this chapter, as
30	a result of the money services licensee's wilful misconduct or wilful blindness;
31	(5) the competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the

1	money services incensee, authorized delegate, person in control of a money services
2	licensee, or responsible person of the money services licensee or authorized delegate
3	indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the person to provide money
4	services;
5	(6) the money services licensee engages in an unsafe or unsound
6	practice;
7	(7) the money services licensee is insolvent, suspends payment of its
8	obligations, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; [OR]
9	(8) the money services licensee does not remove an authorized
10	delegate after the department issues and serves upon the money services licensee a
11	final order including a finding that the authorized delegate has violated this chapter:
12	(9) a fact or condition exists that, if it had been known at the time
13	the money services licensee applied for the license, would have been grounds for
14	denying the application;
15	(10) the money services licensee has engaged in false, misleading
16	or deceptive advertising;
17	(11) the money services licensee has failed to pay a judgment
18	entered in favor of a claimant or creditor in an action arising out of the money
19	services licensee's activities under this chapter not later than the 30th day after
20	the date the stay of execution expires or is terminated, as applicable; or
21	(12) the money services licensee knowingly made a material
22	misstatement or has suppressed or withheld material information on an
23	application, request for approval, report, or other document required to be filed
24	with the department under this chapter.
25	* Sec. 37. AS 06.55.601(b) is amended to read:
26	(b) In determining whether a money services licensee is engaging in an unsafe
27	or unsound practice, the department may consider the size and condition of the money
28	services licensee's money transmission or currency exchange, the magnitude of the
29	loss or potential loss, the gravity of the violation of this chapter or an order issued
30	under this chapter, or an action taken against the money services licensee by this
31	state, another state, or the federal government, and the previous conduct of the

1	person involved.
2	* Sec. 38. AS 06.55.602(a) is amended to read:
3	(a) The department may issue an order under AS 06.55.603 to suspend or
4	revoke [SUSPENDING OR REVOKING] the designation of an authorized delegate
5	or the limited designation of a subdelegate if [THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT]
6	(1) the authorized delegate or subdelegate violated this chapter or a
7	regulation adopted or an order issued under this chapter or any other state or federal
8	law applicable to a money services business;
9	(2) the authorized delegate or subdelegate did not permit or
10	cooperate with an examination or investigation by the department;
11	(3) in connection with the operation of the delegate's business on
12	behalf of the money services licensee or any transaction subject to this chapter the
13	authorized delegate or subdelegate has engaged in fraud, intentional
14	misrepresentation, deceit, [OR] gross negligence, or an unfair or deceptive act or
15	<u>practice</u> ;
16	(4) the authorized delegate or subdelegate is convicted of a violation
17	of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute or any law listed in AS 06.55.860;
18	(5) the competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the
19	authorized delegate, or subdelegate, or a person in control of the authorized delegate
20	or subdelegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the authorized
21	delegate or subdelegate to provide money services; [OR]
22	(6) the authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound
23	practice <u>or</u>
24	(7) the authorized delegate, a person in control of the authorized
25	delegate, or the subdelegate is listed on the Specially Designated Nationals and
26	Blocked Persons List, or any other Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions list
27	prepared by the United States Department of the Treasury, or designated
28	successor agency.
29	* Sec. 39. AS 06.55.602(b) is amended to read:
30	(b) In determining whether an authorized delegate or subdelegate is engaging
31	in an unsafe or unsound practice, the department may consider the size and condition

1	of the authorized delegate's or subdelegate's provision of money services, the
2	magnitude of the loss or potential loss, the gravity of the violation of this chapter or a
3	regulation adopted or order issued under this chapter, an action taken against the
4	delegate or subdelegate by this state, another state, or the federal government,
5	and the previous conduct of the authorized delegate or subdelegate.
6	* Sec. 40. AS 06.55.603 is repealed and reenacted to read:
7	Sec. 06.55.603. Administrative orders. (a) If the department determines that a
8	violation of this chapter or an order issued under this chapter by a person licensed
9	under this chapter is likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm to the money
10	services licensee, its customers, or the public as a result of the violation, or cause
11	insolvency or significant dissipation of assets of the money services licensee, the
12	department may issue an administrative order. The order becomes effective on service
13	of the order on a person licensed under this chapter.
14	(b) The department may issue an order against a person licensed under this
15	chapter to
16	(1) stop providing money services;
17	(2) compel payment of restitution to damaged parties;
18	(3) require affirmative action to comply with this chapter or regulation
19	adopted under this chapter; and
20	(4) remove from office or prohibit from participation an officer, person
21	in control, or employee.
22	(c) An order remains effective and enforceable pending the completion of an
23	administrative proceeding under AS 06.55.701 or 06.55.702.
24	(d) A person licensed under this chapter who is served with an order may
25	petition the superior court for a judicial order setting aside, limiting, or suspending the
26	enforcement, operation, or effectiveness of the order pending the completion of an
27	administrative proceeding under AS 06.55.701 or 06.55.702.
28	* Sec. 41. AS 06.55.607(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:
29	(a) If the department has reason to believe that a person who is not a money
30	services licensee under AS 06.55.101, currency exchange licensee under
31	AS 06.55.201, authorized delegate under AS 06.55.301, or subdelegate under

1	AS 06.55.304 has violated or is violating AS 06.55.101 or 06.55.201, the department
2	may issue an order under AS 06.55.603.
3	* Sec. 42. AS 06.55.607(c) is amended to read:
4	(c) An order [TO CEASE AND DESIST] becomes effective upon service of
5	the order [IT] upon the person.
6	* Sec. 43. AS 06.55.607(d) is amended to read:
7	(d) An order [TO CEASE AND DESIST] remains effective and enforceable
8	pending the completion of an administrative proceeding under AS 06.55.701 and
9	06.55.702.
10	* Sec. 44. AS 06.55.607 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
11	(g) An order issued by the department may include an additional monetary
12	penalty if the department has reason to believe that a person who is not a money
13	services licensee under AS 06.55.101, currency exchange licensee under
14	AS 06.55.201, authorized delegate under AS 06.55.301, or subdelegate under
15	AS 06.55.304 has violated or is violating AS 06.55.101 or 06.55.201.
16	* Sec. 45. AS 06.55.802 is amended to read:
17	Sec. 06.55.802. Exemptions [EXCLUSIONS]. This chapter does not apply to
18	(1) the United States or a department, an agency, or an instrumentality
19	of the United States;
20	(2) money transmission by the United States Postal Service or by a
21	contractor on behalf of the United States Postal Service;
22	(3) a state, a municipality, a county, or another governmental agency
23	or governmental subdivision of a state;
24	(4) a bank, a bank holding company, an office of an international
25	banking corporation, a branch of a foreign bank, a corporation organized under 12
26	U.S.C. 1861 - 1867 (Bank Service Company Act), or a corporation organized under 12
27	U.S.C. 611 - 633 (Edge Act) under the laws of a state or the United States, if it does
28	not issue, sell, or provide payment instruments or stored value through an authorized
29	delegate who is not a bank, a bank holding company, an office of an international
30	banking corporation, a branch of a foreign bank, a corporation organized under 12
31	U.S.C. 1861 - 1867 (Bank Service Company Act), or a corporation organized under 12

1	U.S.C. 611 - 655 (Edge Act) under the laws of a state of the United States;
2	(5) electronic funds transfer of governmental benefits for a federal,
3	state, or municipal agency or a state political subdivision by a contractor on behalf of
4	(A) the United States or a department, an agency, or an
5	instrumentality of the United States; or
6	(B) a state, or a department, an agency, or an instrumentality of
7	a state;
8	(6) a board of trade or a person who, in the ordinary course of
9	business, provides clearance and settlement services for a board of trade, to the extent
10	of the operation of the person for a board of trade; in this paragraph, "board of trade"
11	means a board of trade designated as a contract market under 7 U.S.C. 1 - 27f
12	(Commodity Exchange Act);
13	(7) a registered futures commission merchant under the federal
14	commodities laws, to the extent of the merchant's operation as a registered futures
15	commission merchant under the federal commodities laws;
16	(8) a person who provides clearance or settlement services under a
17	registration as a clearing agency or an exemption from the registration granted under
18	the federal securities laws, to the extent of the person's operation as a provider of
19	clearance or settlement services under a registration as a clearing agency or an
20	exemption from the registration granted under the federal securities laws;
21	(9) an operator of a payment system to the extent that the operator
22	provides processing, clearing, or settlement services, between or among persons
23	excluded by this section, in connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions,
24	debit card transactions, stored-value transactions, automated clearing house transfers,
25	or similar funds transfers; [OR]
26	(10) a person registered as a securities broker-dealer under federal or
27	state securities laws, to the extent of the person's operation as a securities broker-
28	dealer under federal or state securities laws:
29	(11) an insurance company, title insurance company, or escrow
30	agent to the extent that the entity is lawfully authorized to conduct business in
31	this state as an insurance company, title insurance company, or escrow agent and

1	to the extent that the entity engages in money transmission or currency exchange
2	as an ancillary service when conducting insurance, title insurance, or escrow
3	activity; or
4	(12) an attorney, to the extent that the attorney is lawfully
5	authorized to practice law in this state and to the extent that the attorney engages
6	in money transmission or currency exchange as an ancillary service to the
7	practice of law.
8	* Sec. 46. AS 06.55.810 is repealed and reenacted to read:
9	Sec. 06.55.810. Notices required. (a) A money services licensee shall provide
10	a customer with notice of how to file a complaint. The money services licensee shall
11	provide notice at each location where the money services licensee
12	(1) provides money services under this chapter; and
13	(2) has not designated an authorized delegate or subdelegate to provide
14	money services on behalf of the money services licensee at the location.
15	(b) An authorized delegate or subdelegate shall provide a notice of how to file
16	a complaint at each location where the authorized delegate or subdelegate provides
17	money services under this chapter.
18	(c) The notice required under this section must be in a content and format as
19	established by the department.
20	* Sec. 47. AS 06.55.820 is repealed and reenacted to read:
21	Sec. 06.55.820. Transmission, receipt, and refund. A money services
22	licensee who receives money or equivalent value for money transmission or currency
23	exchange shall comply with transmission, receipt, and refund provisions according to
24	federal law (Federal Remittance Transfer Rule, 12 C.F.R. Part 1005, Subpart B) and
25	any requirements established by the department.
26	* Sec. 48. AS 06.55 is amended by adding new sections to read:
27	Sec. 06.55.860. Compliance with federal requirements. A person subject to
28	this chapter shall conduct the person's money services activities in compliance with
29	(1) 31 U.S.C. 5311 - 5314 (Intelligence Reform and Terrorism
30	Prevention Act of 2004);
31	(2) 31 U.S.C. 5316 - 5329 (Money Laundering Control Act of 1986);

1	(3) 31 U.S.C. 5330 (Money Laundering Suppression Act of 1994);
2	(4) 31 U.S.C. 5331 - 5332 (International Money Laundering
3	Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001);
4	(5) 12 U.S.C. 1829b (Federal Deposit Insurance Act);
5	(6) 12 U.S.C. 1951 - 1959 (Bank Secrecy Act);
6	(7) 18 U.S.C. 981 - 982 (Money Laundering Control Act of 1986); and
7	(8) any other federal statute or regulation the purpose of which is to
8	regulate money transmission, currency exchange, or money services.
9	Sec. 06.55.870. Escheatment of property. A person subject to this chapte
10	shall comply with unclaimed property laws as defined in AS 34.45.
11	Sec. 06.55.880. Application to Internet activities. This chapter applies to a
12	person who engages in activities regulated under this chapter by using an Interne
13	website from within or outside the state.
14	* Sec. 49. AS 06.55 is amended by adding new sections to article 9 to read:
15	Sec. 06.55.900. Administration. (a) The department may require an applican
16	or a licensee to submit information, documentation, or payment of a fee required unde
17	this chapter through the registry in a format established by the department and
18	acceptable to the registry.
19	(b) The department may use the registry as a channeling agent for obtaining
20	information required for licensing purposes under this chapter, including
21	(1) criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau o
22	Investigation, the United States Department of Justice, or any other agency or entity
23	identified by the department;
24	(2) information related to administrative, civil, or criminal findings by
25	other states.
26	Sec. 06.55.920. Regulations. The department may adopt regulations under
27	AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) to implement this chapter.
28	* Sec. 50. AS 06.55.990 is repealed and reenacted to read:
29	Sec. 06.55.990. Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context indicates
30	otherwise,
31	(1) "applicant" means any person filing an application, a contro

1	person, officer, director, manager, and owner applicant for a money services license;
2	(2) "authorized delegate" means a person to whom a money services
3	licensee designates to provide money services on behalf of the money services
4	licensee;
5	(3) "bank" means an institution organized under federal or state law
6	that
7	(A) accepts demand deposits or deposits that the depositor may
8	use for payment to third parties and engages in the business of making
9	commercial loans; or
10	(B) engages in credit card operations and maintains only one
11	office that accepts deposits, does not accept demand deposits or deposits that
12	the depositor may use for payments to third parties, does not accept a savings
13	or time deposit less than \$100,000, and does not engage in the business of
14	making commercial loans;
15	(4) "control" means the
16	(A) ownership of, or the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at
17	least 10 percent of a class of voting securities or voting interests of a money
18	services licensee or person in control of a money services licensee; for
19	purposes of determining the percentage of a money services licensee controlled
20	by a person, the percentage consists of the person's interest aggregated with the
21	interest of any spouse, parent, or child of the person;
22	(B) power to elect a majority of officers, managers, directors,
23	trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a money services
24	licensee or person in control of a money services licensee; or
25	(C) power to exercise directly or indirectly, a controlling
26	influence over the management or policies of a money services licensee or
27	person in control of a money services licensee;
28	(5) "currency" means the coin and paper money of the United States or
29	a foreign government that is
30	(A) designated as legal tender and circulates; and
31	(B) customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange in

1	the country of issuance;
2	(6) "currency exchange" means receipt of revenues from the exchange
3	of money of one government for money of another government;
4	(7) "currency exchange license" means a license under AS 06.55.201
5	06.55.206;
6	(8) "currency exchange licensee" means a person who holds a currency
7	exchange license;
8	(9) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community
9	and Economic Development;
10	(10) "fiat currency" means government-issued currency that is
11	designated as legal tender in its country of issuance through government decree
12	regulation, or law;
13	(11) "funds" means money or other value that may be accepted for
14	money;
15	(12) "informal value transfer system"
16	(A) means any system, mechanism, or network that receives
17	money for the purpose of making funds or an equivalent value payable to a
18	third party in another geographic location, whether or not in the same form
19	and
20	(B) generally takes place outside of a conventional banking
21	system through nonbank financial institutions or other business entities whose
22	primary business activity may not be the transmission of money;
23	(13) "medium of exchange" means something commonly accepted in
24	exchange for goods and services and recognized as representing a standard of value;
25	(14) "monetary value" means a medium of exchange, whether or no
26	redeemable in money;
27	(15) "money" means a medium of exchange that is authorized or
28	adopted by the United States or a foreign government, including a monetary unit of
29	account established by an intergovernmental organization or by agreement between
30	two or more governments;
31	(16) "money laundering" means an activity criminalized by 18 U.S.C.

1	1956 or 1957, or an activity that would be criminalized by 18 U.S.C. 1956 or 1957 if it
2	occurred in the United States;
3	(17) "money services" means money transmission or currency
4	exchange;
5	(18) "money services license" means a currency exchange license or a
6	money transmission license;
7	(19) "money services licensee" means a person who holds a currency
8	exchange license or a money transmission license;
9	(20) "money transmission" means
10	(A) the acceptance and the transmission of currency, funds, or
11	other value that substitutes for currency from one person to another location or
12	person within the United States or to locations abroad, by any means, including
13	(i) a financial agency or institution;
14	(ii) an electronic funds transfer network;
15	(iii) wire;
16	(iv) facsimile;
17	(v) payment instrument; or
18	(vi) an informal value transfer system;
19	(B) selling, issuing, or acting as an intermediary for open-loop
20	stored-value devices and payment instruments; or
21	(C) a virtual currency business activity;
22	(21) "money transmission license" means a license under
23	AS 06.55.101 - 06.55.106;
24	(22) "money transmission licensee" means a person who holds a
25	money transmission license;
26	(23) "Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry" means a
27	licensing system developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the
28	American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators and owned and operated by
29	the State Regulatory Registry, LLC, or any successor or an affiliated entity, for the
30	licensing and registration of persons in the mortgage and other financial services
31	industries;

1	(24) "officer" means a president, a chair of the executive committee, a
2	chief financial officer, a chief compliance officer, a responsible individual, or another
3	individual who performs similar functions; in this paragraph, "responsible individual"
4	means an individual who is employed by a money services licensee and has principal
5	managerial authority over the provision of money services by the money services
6	licensee in this state;
7	(25) "open-loop stored value" means stored value redeemable at
8	(A) multiple, unaffiliated merchants or service providers; or
9	(B) automated teller machines;
10	(26) "outstanding" means
11	(A) with respect to a payment instrument, a payment
12	instrument that has been issued and sold in the United States directly by the
13	licensee, or sold by an authorized delegate or subdelegate of the licensee in the
14	United States and reported to the licensee, that has not yet been paid by or for
15	the licensee;
16	(B) with respect to a stored value, a stored value that has been
17	issued and sold in the United States directly by the licensee, or sold by an
18	authorized delegate or subdelegate of the licensee in the United States and
19	reported to the licensee, until the funds are deposited into the program's issuing
20	bank account; or
21	(C) with respect to transmission, a money transmission for
22	which the licensee, directly or through an authorized delegate of the licensee,
23	has received money or monetary value from the customer for transmission, but
24	has not yet completed the money transmission by delivering the money or
25	monetary value to the person designated by the customer or refunded the
26	money or monetary value to the customer;
27	(27) "payment instrument"
28	(A) means an electronic or written check, a draft, a money
29	order, a traveler's check, or other electronic or written instrument order for the
30	transmission or payment of money or monetary value, whether or not the
31	instrument is negotiable;

1	(B) does not include a credit card voucher, a letter of credit, or
2	any other instrument that is redeemable by the issuer in goods or services;
3	(28) "payment system" means any system enabling the transfer of
4	funds between parties;
5	(29) "person" means an individual, a corporation, a business trust, an
6	estate, a trust, a partnership, a limited liability company, an association, a joint
7	venture, a government, a governmental subdivision, an agency, or instrumentality, a
8	public corporation, or any other legal or commercial entity;
9	(30) "record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible
10	medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in
11	perceivable form;
12	(31) "registry" means the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and
13	Registry;
14	(32) "remit" means to do one or more of the following:
15	(A) make direct payment of the funds to the licensee or its
16	representatives authorized to receive those funds;
17	(B) deposit the funds in a bank, credit union, or savings and
18	loan association, or other similar financial institution in an account specified
19	by the licensee;
20	(33) "state" means a state of the United States, the District of
21	Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or a territory or insular
22	possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States;
23	(34) "stored value"
24	(A) means monetary value that is evidenced by an electronic
25	record that is prefunded and for which value is reduced on each use;
26	(B) includes prepaid access; in this subparagraph,
27	(i) "prepaid access" means access to fund or the value
28	of funds that have been paid in advance and can be retrieved or
29	transferred at some point in the future through an electronic device or
30	vehicle;
31	(ii) "electronic device or vehicle" includes a card code,

I	electronic serial number, mobile identification number, or personal
2	identification number;
3	(C) does not include an electronic record that is primarily
4	intended to be redeemable only for goods or services from a specified
5	merchant or set of affiliated merchants, or others involved in transactions
6	functionally related to the issuer or its affiliates;
7	(35) "subdelegate" means an authorized delegate that provides limited
8	money services on behalf of a licensee without having a direct contractual relationship
9	with that licensee;
10	(36) "unsafe or unsound practice" means a practice or conduct by a
11	money services licensee or an authorized delegate or subdelegate of the money
12	services licensee if the practice creates the likelihood of material loss, insolvency, or
13	dissipation of the money services licensee's assets, or otherwise materially prejudices
14	the interests of the money services licensee's customers;
15	(37) "virtual currency"
16	(A) means a digital representation of value that does not have
17	legal tender status in the United States but
18	(i) can be digitally traded and functions as a medium of
19	exchange, a unit of account, a store of value; or
20	(ii) is incorporated into payment system technology;
21	(B) shall be broadly construed to include digital units of
22	exchange that
23	(i) have a centralized repository; in this sub-
24	subparagraph, "centralized repository" means a single third-party
25	administrating authority that controls the system, issues the currency,
26	establishes the rules for the currency's use, maintains a central payment
27	ledger, and has authority to redeem the currency or withdraw it from
28	circulation; or
29	(ii) are decentralized, distributive, open-source, math-
30	based, peer-to-peer virtual currency with no central administrating
31	authority and no central monitoring or oversight; or

1	(iii) may be created or obtained by computing or
2	manufacturing effort;
3	(C) does not include digital units that are used
4	(i) solely within online gaming platforms with no
5	market or application outside of those gaming platforms; or
6	(ii) exclusively as part of a customer affinity or rewards
7	program, and can be applied solely as payment for purchases with the
8	issuer or other designated merchants, and that cannot be converted into,
9	or redeemed for, fiat currency;
10	(38) "virtual currency business activity" means the conduct of one or
11	more of the following types of activities in this state or involving a resident of this
12	state:
13	(A) receiving virtual currency for transmission;
14	(B) transmitting virtual currency;
15	(C) securing, storing, holding, or maintaining custody or
16	control of virtual currency on behalf of others;
17	(D) buying and selling virtual currency as or through a third
18	party;
19	(E) performing retail conversion services, including the
20	conversion or exchange of fiat currency or other value into virtual currency,
21	the conversion or exchange of virtual currency into fiat currency or other
22	value, or the conversion or exchange of one form of virtual currency into
23	another form of virtual currency; or
24	(F) controlling, administering, or issuing virtual currency.
25	* Sec. 51. AS 06.55 is amended to read:
26	Sec. 06.55.995. Short title. This chapter may be cited as the Alaska
27	[UNIFORM] Money Services Act.
28	* Sec. 52. AS 12.62.400(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
29	(18) licensure as a money transmission licensee or a currency
30	exchange licensee under AS 06.55.
31	* Sec. 53. AS 12.62.400 is amend by adding a new subsection to read:

1	(c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, an applicant for a license under
2	AS 06.55 may submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Nationwide Multistate
3	Licensing System and Registry as defined in AS 06.55.990.
4	* Sec. 54. AS 06.55.103, 06.55.107, 06.55.404(g), 06.55.406(b), 06.55.607(f), 06.55.830,
5	06.55.840, 06.55.850(b), 06.55.850(c), 06.55.850(d), and 06.55.850(e) are repealed.
6	* Sec. 55. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7	read:
8	TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Commerce, Community, and
9	Economic Development may proceed to adopt regulations to implement this Act. The
10	regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before July 1,
11	2016.
12	* Sec. 56. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTIONS. The Revisor of Statutes is requested to change
13	the
14	(1) chapter heading of AS 06.55 from "Alaska Uniform Money Services Act"
15	to "Alaska Money Services Act;"
16	(2) catch lines of
17	(A) AS 06.55.601 from "Suspension and revocation; receivership" to
18	"Suspension and revocation of licensees; receivership"; and
19	(B) AS 06.55.602 from "Suspension and revocation of authorized
20	delegates" to "Suspension and revocation of authorized delegates and subdelegates."
21	* Sec. 57. Section 55 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
22	* Sec. 58. Except as provided in sec. 57 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2016.