

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB2426

Introduced 2/15/2023, by Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

205 ILCS 405/10 205 ILCS 405/9 rep. from Ch. 17, par. 4817

Amends the Currency Exchange Act. Requires that an applicant for a license to operate a currency exchange must provide a statement that the business is in good standing with the State of Illinois and in compliance with the Department of Revenue. Repeals a provision that prohibits community currency exchanges and ambulatory currency exchanges from issuing tokens to be used instead of money for the purchase of goods or services from any enterprise.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Currency Exchange Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:
- 6 (205 ILCS 405/10) (from Ch. 17, par. 4817)

Sec. 10. Qualifications of applicant; denial of license; review. The applicant or its controlling persons shall be vouched for by 2 reputable citizens of this State setting forth that the individual mentioned is (a) personally known to them to be trustworthy and reputable, (b) that he has business experience qualifying him to competently conduct, operate, own or become associated with a currency exchange, and (c) that he has a good business reputation and is worthy of a license. The applicant shall also provide a statement that the business is in good standing with the State of Illinois and in compliance with the Department of Revenue. Thereafter, the Secretary shall, upon approval of the application filed with him, issue to the applicant, qualifying under this Act, a license to operate a currency exchange. If it is a license for a community currency exchange, the same shall be valid only at the place of business specified in the application. If it is a license for ambulatory currency exchange, it shall entitle the

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applicant to operate only at the location or locations specified in the application, provided the applicant shall secure separate and additional licenses for each of such locations. Such licenses shall remain in full force and effect, until they are surrendered by the licensee, or revoked, or expire, as herein provided. If the Secretary shall not so approve, he shall not issue such license or licenses and shall notify the applicant of such denial, retaining the full investigation fee to cover the cost of investigating the community currency exchange applicant. The Secretary shall approve or deny every application hereunder within 90 days from the filing of a complete application; except that in respect to an application by an approved ambulatory currency exchange for a license with regard to a particular location to be served by it, the same shall be approved or denied within 20 days from the filing thereof. If the application is denied, the Secretary shall send by United States mail notice of such denial to the applicant at the address set forth in the application.

If an application is denied, the applicant may, within 10 days from the date of the notice of denial, make written request to the Secretary for a hearing on the application, and the Secretary shall set a time and place for the hearing. The hearing shall be set for a date after the receipt by the Secretary of the request for hearing, and written notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be mailed to the

applicant at least 15 days before the date of the hearing. The 1 2 applicant shall pay the actual cost of making the transcript of the hearing prior to the Secretary's issuing his decision 3 following the hearing. If, following the hearing, 5 application is denied, the Secretary shall, within 20 days 6 thereafter prepare and keep on file in his office a written 7 order of denial thereof, which shall contain his findings with respect thereto and the reasons supporting the denial, and 8 9 shall send by United States Mail a copy thereof to the 10 applicant at the address set forth in the application, within 11 5 days after the filing of such order. A review of any such 12 decision may be had as provided in Section 22.01 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 99-445, eff. 1-1-16.)

- 14 (205 ILCS 405/9 rep.)
- Section 10. The Currency Exchange Act is amended by
- 16 repealing Section 9.

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