

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0043

Anti-money laundering.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the  
2 offenses of money laundering, conflict of interest and  
3 illegal investments; providing definitions; providing  
4 penalties; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-1101 through 6-3-1104 are created  
9 to read:

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ARTICLE 11

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MONEY LAUNDERING AND ILLEGAL INVESTMENT

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13 **6-3-1101. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this article:

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1           (i) "Financial or business institution" includes  
2 a foreign or domestic money transmitter or an authorized  
3 agent thereof, casino, any entity licensed by the Wyoming  
4 gaming commission, check casher, person engaged in a trade  
5 or business or any other person required by state or  
6 federal law to report regarding currency transactions or  
7 suspicious transactions, including any entity defined as a  
8 financial institution under 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2).

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10           **6-3-1102. Money laundering; penalties.**

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12           (a) A person is guilty of money laundering if the  
13 person:

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15           (i) Transports or possesses property the person  
16 knows to be derived from criminal activity or represent  
17 proceeds of criminal activity;

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19           (ii) Directs, organizes, finances, plans,  
20 manages, supervises or controls the transportation of or  
21 transactions in property the person knows to be derived  
22 from criminal activity or represent proceeds of criminal  
23 activity; or

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2 (iii) Engages in a transaction involving  
3 property the person knows to be derived from criminal  
4 activity or represent proceeds of criminal activity:

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6 (A) With the intent to facilitate or  
7 promote the criminal activity; or

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9 (B) Knowing that the transaction is  
10 designed, in whole or in part:

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12 (I) To conceal or disguise the nature,  
13 location, source, ownership or control of the property  
14 derived from criminal activity; or

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16 (II) To avoid a transaction reporting  
17 requirement under the laws of this state, any other state  
18 or of the United States. For purposes of this subdivision,  
19 the transaction or transactions shall not be required to  
20 exceed any transaction reporting threshold under state or  
21 federal law at any single financial or business institution  
22 on any single day.

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1           (b) Money laundering is a felony punishable by  
2 imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of  
3 not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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5           **6-3-1103. Illegal investment; penalties.**

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7           (a) A person is guilty of illegal investment if, with  
8 the intent to evade a transaction reporting requirement of  
9 this state or of 31 U.S.C. § 5311 et seq. or 31 C.F.R. §  
10 1010.100 et seq., or any rules or regulations adopted under  
11 those chapters and sections, the person:

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13           (i) Causes a financial or business institution  
14 to fail to report or to file a report that contains a  
15 material omission or misstatement of fact; or

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17           (ii) Structures or assists in structuring any  
18 transaction with one (1) or more financial or business  
19 institutions. For purposes of this paragraph, "structures"  
20 or "structuring" means that a person, acting alone, or in  
21 conjunction with or on behalf of other persons, conducts  
22 one (1) or more currency transactions, in any amount, at  
23 one (1) or more financial or business institutions, on one

1 (1) or more days, in any manner, for the purpose of evading  
2 currency transaction reporting requirement of this state or  
3 of 31 U.S.C. § 5311 et seq. or 31 C.F.R. § 1010.100 et  
4 seq., or any rules or regulations adopted under those  
5 chapters and sections. For purposes of this paragraph, the  
6 transaction or transactions need not exceed any reporting  
7 threshold under state or federal law at any single  
8 financial or business institution on any single day.

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10 (b) Illegal investment is a felony punishable by  
11 imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of  
12 not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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14 **6-3-1104. Conflict of interest prohibited; penalty.**

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16 (a) As used in this section, "public servant" means  
17 any officer or employee of the state or any political  
18 subdivision, including but not limited to legislators,  
19 judges, peace officers or any person participating as a  
20 juror, advisor, consultant, administrator, executor,  
21 guardian or court-appointed fiduciary while acting in an  
22 official capacity.

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1           (b) A public servant commits a conflict of interest  
2 if the public servant:

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4           (i) Knowingly owns, directly or indirectly, any  
5 financial interest of not less than one thousand dollars  
6 (\$1,000.00) in any business or other entity that engages  
7 in, or that the public servant reasonably believes may  
8 engage in, activities that could be charged as money  
9 laundering or illegal investment under W.S. 6-3-1102 or  
10 6-3-1103; or

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12           (ii) Knowingly receives any compensation, gift  
13 or item of value, other than lawful salary or benefits,  
14 from any person or entity that the public servant knows or  
15 reasonably should know is under investigation for, has been  
16 charged with or has been convicted of money laundering or  
17 illegal investment under this article.

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19           (c) A violation of this section is a felony  
20 punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5)  
21 years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars  
22 (\$10,000.00), or both. In addition, upon conviction a court

1 shall order forfeiture of any financial interest prohibited  
2 by subsection (b) of this section.

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4 (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit ownership  
5 of publicly traded securities that constitute less than one  
6 percent (1%) of the total outstanding shares of any single  
7 issuer, if the public servant has no active role in the  
8 management of the securities.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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