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HOUSE BILL NO.

General regulatory sandbox program.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1	AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the
2	general regulatory sandbox program; establishing the
3	Wyoming office of regulatory relief; authorizing limited
4	waivers of statutes and rules under specified conditions;
5	establishing standards and procedures for sandbox
6	applications, operations and supervision; specifying
7	standards for the suspension and revocation of sandbox
8	authorization; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking;
9	requiring reporting; and providing for effective dates.
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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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1	Section 1. W.S. $9-12-1601$ through $9-12-1612$ are
2	created to read:
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4	ARTICLE 16
5	GENERAL REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM
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7	9-12-1601. Title.
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9	This article is known and may be cited as the "General
10	Regulatory Sandbox Program."
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12	9-12-1602. Definitions.
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14	(a) As used in this article:
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16	(i) "Applicable agency" means a department or
17	agency of the state that by law regulates a business
18	activity and persons engaged in the business activity,
19	including issuing licenses or other types of authorization,
20	which the office determines has regulatory authority over a
21	sandbox participant;
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1	(11) "Applicant" means a person who applies to
2	participate in the general regulatory sandbox program;
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4	(iii) "Consumer" means a person in this state
5	who purchases or otherwise enters into a transaction or
6	agreement to receive an offering pursuant to a
7	demonstration by a regulatory sandbox participant;
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9	(iv) "Demonstration" or "demonstrate" means to
10	provide an offering in accordance with this article;
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12	(v) "Offering" means a product, production
13	method or service;
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15	(vi) "Office" means the Wyoming office of
16	regulatory relief created by W.S. 9-12-1603(a);
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18	(vii) "Product" means a commercially distributed
19	good that is:
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21	(A) Tangible personal property;
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23	(B) The result of a production process; and

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2	(C) Passed through a distribution channel
3	before consumption.
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5	(viii) "Production" means one (1) or more
6	methods of obtaining goods, including growing, raising,
7	mining, fabricating, harvesting, fishing, farming,
8	trapping, hunting, capturing, gathering, collecting,
9	breeding, extracting, manufacturing, processing or
10	assembling a good;
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12	(ix) "Regulatory sandbox" means the general
13	regulatory sandbox program created by this article, which
14	allows a person to temporarily demonstrate an offering
15	without the enforcement of a law or regulation;
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17	(x) "Sandbox participant" means a person whose
18	application to participate in the regulatory sandbox is
19	approved in accordance with this article;
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21	(xi) "Service" means any commercial activity,
22	duty or labor performed for another person

9-12-1603. Wyoming office of regulatory relief
established, duties.

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4 (a) The Wyoming office of regulatory relief within the governor's office is created. 5 The governor shall appoint a director of the office. The director may hire 6 additional employees as may be necessary. The director and 7 8 any additional employees shall be compensated in an amount to be determined and fixed by the Wyoming human resources 9 10 division, subject to the availability of funding. 11 director shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and 12 may be removed as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

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14 (b) The director may employ technical, clerical, 15 stenographic and other personnel and make such expenditures 16 from amounts appropriated by the legislature or from other 17 funds made available to him as necessary to carry out this article. The office shall be provided with necessary and 18 appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, stationery 19 20 and printing in the same manner as for personnel of other 21 state agencies.

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23 (c) The office shall:

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2	(i) Coordinate office policy and management with
3	state and federal agencies and local government entities;
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5	(ii) Act as a liaison between private businesses
6	and their applicable state regulatory bodies to identify
7	for temporary suspension laws or regulations that may
8	impair the business' ability to adapt to changing market
9	circumstances or to innovate in ways not contemplated or
10	allowed by law or regulation;
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12	(iii) Create a framework to analyze the risk
13	level to consumers with respect to a demonstration and the
14	impact of suspending laws or regulations on the health,
15	safety and financial wellbeing of consumers;
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17	(iv) Formulate a proposal for potential
18	reciprocity agreements between states that have similar
19	regulatory sandbox programs as set forth in this article to
20	be submitted to the governor; and
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22	(v) Execute and enforce all rules promulgated by
23	the governor and the office to administer this article

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2	(b) In administering the regulatory sandbox, the
3	office:
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5	(i) Shall, subject to the requirements and
6	limitations of this article, establish a program to enable
7	a person to obtain legal protections and limited access to
8	the Wyoming market to demonstrate an offering without
9	obtaining a license or other authorization that would
10	otherwise be required;
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12	(ii) To the extent not inconsistent with this
13	article, may enter into agreements with or adopt the best
14	practices of corresponding federal regulatory agencies or
15	other states that are administering programs that waive or
16	suspend statutory or regulatory requirements as a means of
17	promoting business development;
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19	(iii) May consult with Wyoming businesses about
20	existing or potential proposals for the regulatory sandbox;
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22	(iv) Shall consult with each applicable agency;
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1	(v) Shall not approve any application that would
2	waive any law or regulation in violation of federal law, or
3	that would jeopardize any national accreditation or other
4	national standard for any state agency or any business
5	practice.
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7	9-12-1604. Program created; administration;
8	application requirements.
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10	(a) There is created the general regulatory sandbox
11	program to be administered by the office.
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13	(b) An applicant for the regulatory sandbox may
14	contact the office for a consultation regarding the
15	regulatory sandbox before submitting an application.
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17	(c) An applicant for the regulatory sandbox shall
18	provide to the office an application in a form prescribed
19	by the office that:
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21	(i) Confirms that the applicant is subject to
22	the jurisdiction of the state;

1	(11) Confirms that the applicant has a physical
2	or virtual presence in the state, that the demonstration
3	will be developed and performed in the state and that all
4	required records, documents and data will be available in
5	the state;
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7	(iii) Contains relevant personal and contact
8	information for the applicant, including legal names,
9	addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, website
10	addresses and other information required by the office;
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12	(iv) Discloses criminal convictions of the
13	applicant or other participating persons, if any;
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15	(v) Contains a description of the offering to be
16	demonstrated, including statements regarding:
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18	(A) How the offering is subject to
19	licensing, legal prohibition, authorization requirements or
20	other requirements;
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1	(B) Each law or regulation that the
2	applicant seeks to have waived or suspended while
3	participating in the regulatory sandbox;
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5	(C) How the offering would benefit
6	consumers;
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8	(D) How the offering is different from
9	other offerings available in the state;
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11	(E) What risks may exist for consumers who
12	use or purchase the offering as part of a demonstration if
13	the offering is not subject to regulatory and legal
14	requirements;
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16	(F) How participating in the regulatory
17	sandbox would enable a successful demonstration of the
18	offering;
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20	(G) A description of the proposed
21	demonstration plan, including estimated time periods for
22	beginning and ending the demonstration;

1	(H) Acknowledgement that the applicant will
2	be subject to all laws and regulations pertaining to the
3	applicant's offering after conclusion of the demonstration;
4	and
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6	(J) How the applicant will end the
7	demonstration and protect consumers' interests or rights if
8	the demonstration fails.
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10	(vi) Lists each government agency, if any, that
11	regulates the applicant's business; and
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13	(vii) Provides any other information as required
14	by the office.
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16	(d) The office shall collect a reasonable application
17	fee from an applicant as set by rule of the office.
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19	(e) An applicant shall file a separate application
20	for each offering that the applicant seeks to demonstrate.
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22	(f) After an application is filed, the office may
23	request additional information from the applicant that the

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1	office determines is necessary to evaluate the application
2	and for the application to be considered complete.
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4	(g) No application shall be approved if the
5	applicant, within the past ten (10) years, has been
6	convicted of, entered a plea of nolo contendere for,
7	entered a plea of guilty for or had a nolo contendere held
8	in abeyance, for any crime involving theft, fraud or
9	dishonesty, or for any crime that bears a substantial
10	relationship to the ability to safely and competently
11	participate in the regulatory sandbox.
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13	9-12-1605. Application reviews and reports;
14	consultation.
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16	(a) Not later than thirty (30) days after the day on
17	which the office receives a complete application pursuant
18	to W.S. 9-12-1604, the office shall:
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20	(i) Review the application and refer the
21	application to a relevant applicable agency; and

(ii) Provide to the applicant:

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2	(A) An acknowledgment of receipt of the
3	application; and
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5	(B) The identity and contact information of
6	each applicable agency to which the application has been
7	referred for review.
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9	(b) Not later than thirty (30) days after the day on
10	which an applicable agency receives a complete application
11	for review, the applicable agency shall deliver a written
12	report to the office of its findings. The report shall:
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14	(i) Describe any identifiable and likely harm to
15	the health, safety or financial wellbeing of Wyoming
16	consumers that the law or regulation subject to waiver
17	protects against; and
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19	(ii) Make a recommendation to the office that
20	the applicant either be admitted or denied entrance into

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the regulatory sandbox.

1	(c) The applicable agency may provide notice to the
2	office of an extension of thirty (30) days to deliver the
3	report required by subsection (b) of this section, which
4	shall be automatically granted. Additional thirty (30) day
5	extensions may be permitted by the office for good cause
6	shown.
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8 9 10 11 12 13	*********** STAFF COMMENT The Committee may wish to consider the timeframes that are set forth in this article for application reviews. The time for initial review by the office and then by the applicable
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	agency has been extended in this bill draft from the original language in 2023 House Bill 214 due to evidence that the process of review can take several months to complete. **********************************
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shall include:

recommendation and why a temporary suspension of specified

laws or regulations would harm consumers. The description

1	(i) The type of potential harm consumers could
2	face as a result of temporary suspension of laws and
3	regulations and its severity;
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5	(ii) The probability of the potential harm
6	occurring; and
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8	(iii) The permanence of the potential harm.
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10	(e) If the applicable agency believes that a
11	consumer's health, safety and financial wellbeing can be
12	protected through means other than a full waiver of the
13	existing law or regulation, the applicable agency shall
14	articulate how that can be achieved.
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16	(f) The office shall consider an applicable agency's
17	failure to deliver the report required under subsection (b)
18	of this section within the required time as a lack of
19	objection to the temporary suspension of the applicable law
20	or regulation under this article.

1	(a) The office abolt seventh with each applicable
1	(g) The office shall consult with each applicable
2	agency before an applicant is admitted into the regulatory
3	sandbox.
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5	(h) The consultation with an applicable agency may
6	include seeking information about whether:
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8	(i) The applicable agency has previously issued
9	a license or other authorization to the applicant;
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L1	(ii) The applicable agency has previously
L2	investigated, sanctioned or pursued legal action against
L3	the applicant;
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L5	(iii) Whether certain laws or regulations should
L6	not be suspended even if the applicant is accepted into the
L7	regulatory sandbox.
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L9	(j) In reviewing an application, the office and
20	applicable agency shall consider whether a competitor to
21	the applicant is or has been a sandbox participant and, if
22	so, weigh that as a factor in favor of allowing the

applicant to also become a sandbox participant.

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2	(k) In reviewing whether an application will be
3	approved, and in consultation with the applicant, the
4	office shall consider whether:
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6	(i) An applicant's plan adequately protects
7	consumers from potential harm; and
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9	(ii) The benefits to consumers of not suspending
LO	the law or regulation outweigh the offering's potential
L1	benefits to consumers.
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L3	(m) The office may deny any application if the office
L4	determines that the preponderance of the evidence
L5	demonstrates that suspending enforcement of a law or

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19 (n) An applicant shall be authorized to participate
20 in the regulatory sandbox if the office approves the
21 applicant's application under this section.

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consumers or residents of this state.

regulation would cause a significant risk of harm to

STAFF COMMENT

The Committee may wish to consider whether an additional government entity should serve as an advisory board for the regulatory sandbox. 2023 House Bill 214 created a framework in which the state loan and investment board was required to review applications and give final approval to an applicant for admittance into the regulatory sandbox. This bill draft provides the newly created Wyoming office of regulatory relief the sole authority to approve applicants to be admitted to the regulatory sandbox. The Committee may wish to consider whether to allow the office to administer the program or whether to include an advisory board that could be the state loan and investment board, another government entity, or to allow the governor to approve applications.

For reference, the provisions in 2023 House Bill 214 that provided final approval authority to the state loan and investment board are as follows (with changes to reflect the newly created Wyoming office of regulatory relief):

"(n) If the office approves an application it shall submit it to the state loan and investment board for final approval. The state loan and investment board shall consider all of the factors specified in this article, and any other factors it finds relevant, in the same manner as the office in determining whether to approve or deny an application.

 (o) If the state loan and investment board denies an application, not later than ten (10) days after the denial the state loan and investment board shall provide to the applicant a written description of the reasons for the denial as a sandbox participant.

(n) An applicant becomes a sandbox participant if the state loan and investment board approves the applicant's application for the regulatory sandbox."

1	9-12-1606. Availability of regulatory sandbox.
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3	(a) The regulatory sandbox authorized in this article
4	shall not apply to any financial product or service as
5	defined in W.S. 40-29-102(a)(iv) or any innovative medical
6	digital assessment product or service under title 40,
7	chapter 28 of the Wyoming statutes.
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9 10 11 12 13 14 15	********** STAFF COMMENT The Committee may wish to consider whether any additional exclusions should be added to this subsect. ***********************************

(b) Any government agency in Wyoming that issues a 17 18 cease and desist letter, citation or other punitive action against a person conducting commercial activity in this 19 state shall provide the person conducting the commercial 20 activity with information on contacting the office to 21 22 request a suspension of any applicable rule or law through 23 the regulatory sandbox program. The agency shall also 24 notify the office of the cease and desist letter, citation 25 or other punitive action.

1 9-12-1607. Scope of the regulatory sandbox. 2 3 (a) If the office approves an application under W.S. 4 9-12-1604 and 9-12-1605: 5 (i) The office shall provide to the sandbox 6 participant the description in the report prepared in 7 8 accordance with W.S. 9-12-1605(b)(i); 9 (ii) The office shall articulate specific laws 10 11 and regulations to which the sandbox participant will not 12 be subject during the demonstration; and 13 14 (iii) The sandbox participant has twelve (12) 15 months after the day on which the application is approved 16 to demonstrate the offering described in the sandbox 17 participant's application. 18 19 (b) No law shall be suspended under this article that 20 would prevent a consumer from seeking restitution in the event the consumer has been harmed. 21

1 This article shall not restrict a (C) sandbox 2 participant who holds a license or other authorization in 3 another jurisdiction from acting in accordance with that 4 license or other authorization. 5 6 (d) During the term of a demonstration under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section, a sandbox participant 7 8 shall be deemed to possess an appropriate license or other 9 authorization under the laws of the state for the purposes 10 of any provision of federal law requiring state licensure or authorization by the state. 11 12 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (h) 13 14 and (j) of this section, a sandbox participant shall not be subject to enforcement of the state laws or regulations 15 16 identified by the office pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) of 17 this section. 18 (f) A prosecutor shall not file or pursue charges

19 20 pertaining to a violation of a law or regulation identified 21 in paragraph (a)(ii) of this section against a sand box if the 22 participant violation occurred during the 23 demonstration period.

2 (g) A state agency shall not file or pursue any 3 punitive action or enforcement action, including a fine or 4 license suspension or revocation, pertaining to a violation 5 of a law or regulation identified in paragraph (a)(ii) of 6 this section against a sandbox participant if the violation

occurred during the demonstration period.

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If the office determines that certain state laws 9 10 or rules that regulate an offering apply to a sandbox shall notify participant, the office 11 the sandbox 12 participant of the specific laws or rules that apply to the 13 sandbox participant and those laws shall be enforceable against the participant. Nothing in this subsection shall 14 15 be construed to exempt a participant from any law or 16 regulation that is not specifically suspended or revoked 17 and identified by the office pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) of this section. 18

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20 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
21 section, a sandbox participant shall not have immunity
22 related to any criminal offense committed during the
23 sandbox participant's demonstration.

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2	(k) By written notice, the office may end a sandbox
3	participant's participation in the regulatory sandbox at
4	any time and for any reason, including if the office
5	determines a sandbox participant is not operating in good
6	faith to bring an offering to market.
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8	(m) The office and the state are not liable for any
9	business losses or the recouping of application expenses or
10	other expenses related to the sandbox, including for:
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12	(i) Denying an applicant's application to
13	participate in the regulatory sandbox for any reason; or
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15	(ii) Ending a sandbox participant's
16	participation in the regulatory sandbox at any time and for
17	any reason.
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21	STAFF COMMENT
22	The Committee may wish to consider whether to specify that
23	the office and the state shall not be liable for any
24	damages caused by the waiver of laws or regulations under
25	this article

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2	9-12-1608. Consumer protection for regulatory
3	sandbox.
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5	(a) Before demonstrating to a consumer an offering
6	that is offered by participation in the regulatory sandbox,
7	a sandbox participant shall disclose the following to the
8	consumer:
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10	(i) The name and contact information of the
11	sandbox participant;
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13	(ii) That the offering is authorized pursuant to
14	the regulatory sandbox and, if applicable, that the sandbox
15	participant does not have a license or other authorization
16	to provide an offering under state laws that regulate
17	offerings outside the regulatory sandbox;
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19	(iii) That the offering is undergoing testing
20	and may not function as intended and may expose the
21	customer to certain risks as identified by the applicable

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agency's review;

1	(iv) That the provider of the offering is not
2	immune from potential civil liability caused by the
3	offering and that the provider is not immune from criminal
4	prosecution for violations of Wyoming law or regulations
5	not suspended pursuant to the demonstration;
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7	(v) That the state of Wyoming does not endorse
8	or recommend the offering;
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10	(vi) That the offering is a temporary
11	demonstration that may be discontinued at the end of the
12	demonstration period, or earlier;
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14	(vii) The expected end date of the demonstration
15	period; and
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17	(viii) That a consumer may contact the office to
18	file a complaint regarding the offering being demonstrated.
19	The disclosure shall provide the office's telephone number
20	and website address where a complaint may be filed.
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22	(b) The disclosures required by subsection (a) of
23	this section shall be provided to a consumer in a clear and

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1	conspicuous form and a consumer shall acknowledge receipt
2	of the disclosure before a transaction may be completed.
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4	(c) The office may require that a sandbox participant
5	make additional disclosures to a consumer.
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7	(d) The office shall make reasonable efforts to
8	notify a sandbox participant's competitors when a law is
9	suspended under this article so that another company
10	subject to the law may also apply to the office to
11	participate in the regulatory sandbox.
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	********* STAFF COMMENT Depending on the utilization of the program this seems like a potentially large burden. An alternative approach may be to require the office to maintain a website with a list of participants and the specifics on what laws or regulations have been suspended. **********************************
24	(e) If the office determines that a sandbox

participant has engaged in, is engaging in or is about to

engage in any practice or transaction that is in violation

of this article or that constitutes a violation of a law

- 1 for which suspension has not been granted, the office may
- 2 remove a sandbox participant from the regulatory sandbox.

- 4 9-12-1609. Requirements for exiting regulatory
- 5 sandbox.

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- 7 (a) Not less than thirty (30) days before the end of
- 8 the twelve (12) month regulatory sandbox demonstration
- 9 period, a sandbox participant shall notify the office that
- 10 the sandbox participant will exit the regulatory sandbox
- 11 and discontinue the sandbox participant's demonstration
- 12 after the day on which the twelve (12) month demonstration
- 13 period ends or that the sandbox participant is seeking an
- 14 extension in accordance with W.S. 9-12-1610.

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- 16 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, if the
- 17 office does not receive notification as required by
- 18 subsection (a) of this section, the regulatory sandbox
- 19 demonstration period shall end at the conclusion of the
- 20 twelve (12) month demonstration period.

- 22 (c) If a demonstration includes an offering that
- 23 requires ongoing duties, such as servicing the offering,

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1	the sandbox participant may continue to do so but will be
2	subject to enforcement of the laws and regulations that
3	were suspended as part of the regulatory sandbox.
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5	9-12-1610. Extensions.
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7	(a) Not less than thirty (30) days before the end of
8	the twelve (12) month regulatory sandbox demonstration
9	period, a sandbox participant may request an extension of
10	the regulatory sandbox demonstration period.
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12	(b) The office shall grant or deny a request for an
13	extension before the end of the twelve (12) month
14	regulatory sandbox demonstration period.
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24	(c) The office may for good cause grant an extension

under this section for not more than twelve (12) months

- 1 after the end of the initial twelve (12) month regulatory
- 2 sandbox demonstration period.

4 9-12-1611. Record keeping and reporting requirements.

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- 6 (a) A sandbox participant shall retain records,
- 7 documents and data produced in the ordinary course of
- 8 business regarding an offering demonstrated in the
- 9 regulatory sandbox.

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- 11 (b) If a sandbox participant ceases to provide an
- 12 offering before the end of a demonstration period, the
- 13 sandbox participant shall notify the applicable agency and
- 14 office and report on actions taken by the sandbox
- 15 participant to ensure consumers have not been harmed as a
- 16 result.

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- 18 (c) A sandbox participant shall provide the office
- 19 with a written report every three (3) months during the
- 20 demonstration period that provides an update on the status
- 21 of the demonstration.

1 (d) A sandbox participant shall immediately notify 2 the applicable agency and the office of any incidents 3 related to the demonstration that result in harm to the 4 health, safety or financial wellbeing of a Wyoming 5 consumer.

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7 (e) If the sandbox participant fails to notify the applicable agency and the office of any incidents as 8 required under subsection (d) of this section, or if the 9 10 office or applicable agency has evidence that any significant and irreparable harm has occurred to 11 12 consumer, the participant shall be removed from regulatory sandbox immediately. 13

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(f) Not less than thirty (30) days after a sandbox 15 16 participant exits the regulatory sandbox, the participant 17 shall submit a report of termination of the participant's demonstration to the office and the applicable agency. The 18 19 report shall include the results of the demonstration, any 20 cost savings experienced through participation in the regulatory sandbox, recommendations for reform and shall 21 note any incident related to the demonstration that harmed 22 23 any consumer.

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2 (g) Not less than thirty (30) days after the 3 submission of the report under subsection (f) of this

3 submission of the report under subsection (f) of this

5 with a report on the demonstration and describe any

section, the applicable agency shall provide the office

6 regulatory or legislative reform the applicable agency

7 believes should be made as a result of the demonstration.

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9 **9-12-1612.** Annual report.

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- 11 (a) Not later than October 1, 2025, and every October
- 12 1 thereafter, the office shall provide a written report to
- 13 the joint minerals, business and economic development
- 14 interim committee concerning the activities of the office
- 15 under this article, including:

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- 17 (i) Information regarding each sandbox
- 18 participant;

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- 20 (ii) Recommendations regarding the effectiveness
- 21 of the regulatory sandbox;

1 (iii) Any proactive assessment of existing laws that the office believes are excessive or unwarranted in 2 3 light of their risk level pursuant to the framework 4 analysis in W.S. 9-12-1603(c)(iii) and the report received 5 pursuant to W.S. 9-12-1611(g); 6 7 (iv) A status update of the participants 8 currently in the regulatory sandbox and which industries 9 the participants represent; 10 11 (v) Anticipated or actual cost savings that 12 companies experienced through participation in the regulatory sandbox; and 13 14 (vi) Other benefits to consumers and the Wyoming 15 16 economy. 17 Section 2. W.S. 9-12-102(a)(intro) and (viii) and 18 19 16-4-203(d) by creating a new paragraph (xxi) are amended 20 to read: 21 9-12-102. Definitions. 22

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         (a) As used in this act, the following terms have the
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    following meanings, except where the context clearly
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    indicates otherwise or where the term is otherwise defined
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    in this act:
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              (viii) "This act" means W.S. 9-12-101 through
    <del>9-12-1509</del>-9-12-1612.
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         16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;
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    access of news media; order permitting or restricting
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    disclosure; exceptions.
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         (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection
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    of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:
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             (xxi) Any part of an application pursuant to the
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    general regulatory sandbox program under W.S. 9-12-1601
    through 9-12-1612 that, if disclosed, would result in
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    actual economic harm to the applicant. Nothing in this
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    paragraph shall restrict access to a record evidencing a
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    final application approval or other final document that
    establishes the terms of a demonstration under the program.
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1 **Section 3.** The governor and the Wyoming office of

2 regulatory relief shall promulgate any rules necessary to

3 implement this act.

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5 Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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7 (END)