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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Anti-money laundering.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lien

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the
2 offenses of money laundering and illegal investments;
3 providing definitions; providing penalties; and providing
4 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 6-3-1103 are created
9 to read:

10 ARTICLE 11

11 MONEY LAUNDERING AND ILLEGAL INVESTMENT

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

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2 (a) As used in this article:

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4 (i) "Financial or business institution" includes
5 a foreign or domestic money transmitter or an authorized
6 agent thereof, casino, check casher, person engaged in a
7 trade or business or any other person required by state or
8 federal law to report regarding currency transactions or
9 suspicious transactions.

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11 **6-3-1102. Money laundering; penalties.**

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

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

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20 (ii) Directs, organizes, finances, plans,
21 manages, supervises or controls the transportation of or
22 transactions in property the person knows or reasonably

1 should know to be derived from criminal activity or
2 represent proceeds of criminal activity; or

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4 (iii) Engages in a transaction involving
5 property the person knows or reasonably should know to be
6 derived from criminal activity or represent proceeds of
7 criminal activity:

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9 (A) With the intent to facilitate or
10 promote the criminal activity; or

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12 (B) Knowing that the transaction is
13 designed, in whole or in part:

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15 (I) To conceal or disguise the nature,
16 location, source, ownership or control of the property
17 derived from criminal activity; or

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19 (II) To avoid a transaction reporting
20 requirement under the laws of this state, any other state
21 or of the United States. For purposes of this subdivision,
22 the transaction or transactions shall not be required to
23 exceed any transaction reporting threshold under state or

1 federal law at any single financial or business institution
2 on any single day.

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

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11 STAFF COMMENT
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13 To ensure that money laundering involving misdemeanor-level
14 criminal activity is not punished as a felony the Select
15 Committee may wish to consider the following grading
16 options: (1) tie the penalty to the underlying offense
17 similar to attempt, solicitation, conspiracy, and accessory
18 after the fact; or (2) grade the offense by the value of
19 property involved within a six-month period similar to
20 unlawful use of credit card, checks, and debit cards.

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22 Option 1:

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24 (b) Money laundering is punishable as
25 follows:

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27 (i) For a violation of paragraphs
28 (a)(i) or (a)(ii) of this section, the penalty
29 shall be the same as the penalty for the most
30 serious underlying criminal offense from which
31 the proceeds of the criminal activity were
32 derived or with which the conduct is associated;

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34 (ii) For a violation of paragraph
35 (a)(iii) of this section, the offense shall
36 constitute a felony punishable by imprisonment
37 for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not

1 more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or
2 both.
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4 Option 2:

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6 (b) Money laundering is punishable as
7 follows:
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9 (i) If the value of property derived
10 from or representing the proceeds of criminal
11 activity involved in a violation of subsection
12 (a) of this section is less than one thousand
13 dollars (\$1,000.00), the offense shall be a
14 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not
15 more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than
16 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.
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18 (ii) If the value of property derived
19 from or representing the proceeds of criminal
20 activity involved in a violation of subsection
21 (a) of this section totals one thousand dollars
22 (\$1,000.00) or more within any sixty (60) day
23 period, the offense shall be a felony punishable
24 by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years,
25 a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars
26 (\$10,000.00), or both.
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31 6-3-1103. Illegal investment; penalties.
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33 (a) A person is guilty of illegal investment if, with
34 the intent to evade a transaction reporting requirement of
35 this state or of 31 U.S.C. § 5311 et seq. or 31 C.F.R. §
36 1010.100 et seq., or any rules or regulations adopted under
37 those chapters and sections, the person:
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1 (i) Causes a financial or business institution
2 to fail to report or to file a report that contains a
3 material omission or misstatement of fact; or

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5 (ii) Structures or assists in structuring any
6 transaction with one (1) or more financial or business
7 institutions. For purposes of this paragraph, "structures"
8 or "structuring" means that a person, acting alone, or in
9 conjunction with or on behalf of other persons, conducts
10 one (1) or more currency transactions, in any amount, at
11 one (1) or more financial or business institutions, on one
12 (1) or more days, in any manner, for the purpose of evading
13 currency transaction reporting requirement of this state or
14 of 31 U.S.C. § 5311 et seq. or 31 C.F.R. § 1010.100 et
15 seq., or any rules or regulations adopted under those
16 chapters and sections. For purposes of this paragraph, the
17 transaction or transactions need not exceed any reporting
18 threshold under state or federal law at any single
19 financial or business institution on any single day.

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

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

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