

1           **H.659 (DFR bill) - House proposal of amendment**, new language  
2 highlighted in yellow, pertains to Sec. 48, 8 V.S.A. chapter 79, subchapter 10,  
3 § 2577, virtual-currency kiosk operators.

4           § 2577. VIRTUAL-CURRENCY KIOSK OPERATORS

5           (a) Daily transaction limit. A virtual-currency kiosk operator shall not  
6 accept or dispense more than \$1,000.00 of cash in a day in connection with  
7 virtual-currency transactions with a single customer in this State via one or  
8 more money transmission kiosks.

9           (b) Fee cap. The aggregate fees and charges, directly or indirectly, charged  
10 to a customer related to a single transaction or series of related transactions  
11 involving virtual currency effected through a money transmission kiosk in this  
12 State, including any difference between the price charged to a customer to buy,  
13 sell, exchange, swap, or convert virtual currency and the prevailing market  
14 value of such virtual currency at the time of such transaction, shall not exceed  
15 the greater of the following:

16           (1) \$5.00; or

17           (2) 15 percent three percent of the U.S. dollar equivalent of virtual  
18 currency involved in the transaction or transactions.

19           (c) Single transaction. The purchase, sale, exchange, swap, or conversion  
20 of virtual currency, or the subsequent transfer of virtual currency, in a series of

1 transactions shall be deemed to be a single transaction for purposes of  
2 subsection (b) of this section.

3 (d) **Licensing requirement.** A virtual-currency kiosk operator shall comply  
4 with the licensing requirements of this subchapter to the extent that the virtual-  
5 currency kiosk operator engages in virtual-currency business activity.

6 (e) **Operator accountability.** If a virtual-currency kiosk operator allows or  
7 facilitates another person to engage in virtual-currency business activity via a  
8 money transmission kiosk in this State that is owned, operated, or managed by  
9 the virtual-currency kiosk operator, the virtual-currency kiosk operator shall do  
10 all of the following:

11 (1) ensure that the person engaging in virtual-currency business activity  
12 is licensed under subchapter 2 of this chapter to engage in virtual-currency  
13 business activity and complies with all other applicable provisions of this  
14 chapter;

15 (2) ensure that any charges collected from a customer via the money  
16 transmission kiosk comply with the limits provided by subsection (b) of this  
17 section; and

18 (3) comply with all other applicable provisions of this chapter.

19 (f) **Moratorium.** To protect the public safety and welfare and safeguard the  
20 rights of consumers, virtual-currency kiosks shall not be permitted to operate  
21 in Vermont prior to July 1, 2026.

1        (g) Report. On or before January 15, 2026, the Commissioner of Financial  
2        Regulation shall report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic  
3        Development and the Senate Committee on Finance on whether the  
4        requirements of this section coupled with relevant federal requirements are  
5        sufficient to protect customers in Vermont from fraudulent activity. If deemed  
6        necessary and appropriate by the Commissioner, the Commissioner may make  
7        recommendations for additional statutory or regulatory safeguards. In  
8        addition, the Commissioner shall make recommendations for enhanced  
9        oversight and monitoring of virtual-currency kiosks for the purpose of  
10       minimizing their use for illicit activities as described in the U.S. Government  
11       Accountability Office report on virtual currencies, GAO-22-105462, dated  
12       December 2021.