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2	Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Jerome of Brandon, Nicoll of		
3	Ludlow, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Chester, Graning of Jericho, Priestley		
4	of Bradford, White of Bethel, and Williams of Barre City move that the House		
5	concur with the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of		
6	amendment by striking out, in Sec. 48, 8 V.S.A. chapter 79, subchapter 10,		
7	section 2577 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section 2577 to		
8	read as follows:		
9	<u>§ 2577. VIRTUAL-CURRENCY KIOSK OPERATORS</u>		
10	(a) Daily transaction limit. A virtual-currency kiosk operator shall not		
11	accept or dispense more than \$1,000.00 of cash in a day in connection with		
12	virtual-currency transactions with a single customer in this State via one or		
13	more money transmission kiosks.		
14	(b) Fee cap. The aggregate fees and charges, directly or indirectly, charged		
15	to a customer related to a single transaction or series of related transactions		
16	involving virtual currency effected through a money transmission kiosk in this		
17	State, including any difference between the price charged to a customer to buy,		
18	sell, exchange, swap, or convert virtual currency and the prevailing market		
19	value of such virtual currency at the time of such transaction, shall not exceed		
20	the greater of the following:		
21	<u>(1) \$5.00; or</u>		

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1	(2) three percent of the U.S. dollar equivalent of virtual currency			
2	involved in the transaction or transactions.			
3	(c) Single transaction. The purchase, sale, exchange, swap, or conversion			
4	of virtual currency, or the subsequent transfer of virtual currency, in a series of			
5	transactions shall be deemed to be a single transaction for purposes of			
6	subsection (b) of this section.			
7	(d) Licensing requirement. A virtual-currency kiosk operator shall comply			
8	with the licensing requirements of this subchapter to the extent that the virtual-			
9	currency kiosk operator engages in virtual-currency business activity.			
10	(e) Operator accountability. If a virtual-currency kiosk operator allows or			
11	facilitates another person to engage in virtual-currency business activity via a			
12	money transmission kiosk in this State that is owned, operated, or managed by			
13	the virtual-currency kiosk operator, the virtual-currency kiosk operator shall do			
14	all of the following:			
15	(1) ensure that the person engaging in virtual-currency business activity			
16	is licensed under subchapter 2 of this chapter to engage in virtual-currency			
17	business activity and complies with all other applicable provisions of this			
18	chapter;			
19	(2) ensure that any charges collected from a customer via the money			
20	transmission kiosk comply with the limits provided by subsection (b) of this			
21	section; and			

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1	(3) comply with all other applicable provisions of this chapter.		
2	(f) Moratorium. To protect the public safety and welfare and safeguard the		
3	rights of consumers, virtual-currency kiosks shall not be permitted to operate		
4	in Vermont prior to July 1, 2026.		
5	(g) Report. On or before January 15, 2026, t	he Commissioner of Financial	
6	Regulation shall report to the House Committee	on Commerce and Economic	
7	Development and the Senate Committee on Finance on whether the		
8	requirements of this section coupled with relevant federal requirements are		
9	sufficient to protect customers in Vermont from fraudulent and predatory		
10	activity. If deemed necessary and appropriate by the Commissioner, the		
11	Commissioner may make recommendations for additional statutory or		
12	regulatory safeguards. In addition, the Commissioner shall make		
13	recommendations for enhanced oversight and monitoring of virtual-currency		
14	kiosks for the purpose of minimizing their use for illicit activities as described		
15	in the U.S. Government Accountability Office report on virtual currencies,		
16	GAO-22-105462, dated December 2021.		
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18	(Committee vote:)		
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20		Representative	
21		FOR THE COMMITTEE	

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