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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6273** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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By Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Benton, and Mullet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to money transmitters; and amending RCW 19.230.330.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.230.330 and 2010 c 73 s 12 are each amended to read 4 as follows:

5 (1)(a) Every money transmitter licensee and its authorized delegates shall transmit the monetary equivalent of all money or 6 7 equivalent value received from a customer for transmission, net of any 8 fees, or issue instructions committing the money or its monetary 9 equivalent, to the person designated by the customer within ten 10 business days after receiving the money or equivalent value, unless otherwise ordered by the customer or when the transmission is for the 11 12 payment of goods or services or unless the licensee or its authorized 13 delegate has reason to believe that a crime has occurred, is occurring, 14 or may occur as a result of transmitting the money. For purposes of 15 this subsection, money is considered to have been transmitted when it is available to the person designated by the customer and a reasonable 16 effort has been made to inform this designated person that the money is 17 18 available, whether or not the designated person has taken possession of the money. As used in this subsection, "monetary equivalent," when 19

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1 used in connection with a money transmission in which the customer 2 provides the licensee or its authorized delegate with the money of one 3 government, and the designated recipient is to receive the money of 4 another government, means the amount of money, in the currency of the 5 government that the designated recipient is to receive, as converted at 6 the retail exchange rate offered by the licensee or its authorized 7 delegate to the customer in connection with the transaction.

8 <u>(b) A money transmitter licensee that accepts money or its</u> 9 <u>equivalent from consumers purchasing goods or services from third-party</u> 10 <u>merchants and transmits the money or its equivalent to those merchants</u> 11 <u>selling the goods or services to the consumer must:</u>

12 (i) Transmit the money or its equivalent to the merchant within the 13 time frame agreed upon in the merchant's agreement with the money 14 transmitter licensee; and

(ii) Conspicuously disclose to the merchant in the agreement the money transmitter licensee's authority to place a hold or delay in transmittal of consumer money or its equivalent for more than ten business days and the general circumstances under which the merchant may be subject to a hold or delay.

(2) Every money transmitter licensee and its authorized delegates 20 21 shall provide a receipt to the customer that clearly states the amount 22 of money presented for transmission and the total of any fees charged by the licensee. If the rate of exchange for a money transmission to 23 24 be paid in the currency of another country is fixed by the licensee for 25 that transaction at the time the money transmission is initiated, then the receipt provided to the customer shall disclose the rate of 26 27 exchange for that transaction, and the duration, if any, for the payment to be made at the fixed rate of exchange so specified. If the 28 rate of exchange for a money transmission to be paid in the currency of 29 another country is not fixed at the time the money transmission is 30 sent, the receipt provided to the customer shall disclose that the rate 31 32 of exchange for that transaction will be set at the time the recipient of the money transmission picks up the funds in the foreign country. 33 The receipt shall also contain the licensee name, address, and phone 34 number. As used in this section, "fees" does not include revenue that 35 a licensee or its authorized delegate generates, in connection with a 36 37 money transmission, in the conversion of the money of one government 38 into the money of another government.

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1 (3) Every money transmitter licensee and its authorized delegates 2 shall refund to the customer all moneys received for transmittal within 3 ten days of receipt of a written request for a refund unless any of the 4 following occurs:

5 (a) The moneys have been transmitted and delivered to the person 6 designated by the customer prior to receipt of the written request for 7 a refund;

8 (b) Instructions have been given committing an equivalent amount of 9 money to the person designated by the customer prior to receipt of a 10 written request for a refund;

11 (c) The licensee or its authorized delegate has reason to believe 12 that a crime has occurred, is occurring, or may potentially occur as a 13 result of transmitting the money as requested by the customer or 14 refunding the money as requested by the customer; or

15 (d) The licensee is otherwise barred by law from making a refund. Passed by the Senate February 18, 2014. Passed by the House March 6, 2014. Approved by the Governor April 2, 2014. Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 4, 2014.