CHAPTER 2023-125

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 607

An act relating to money services businesses; amending s. 560.103, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "control person" for purposes of ch. 560, F.S., relating to money services businesses; defining the terms "governing documents" and "membership interest"; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 560.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 560.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (10) "Control person" means, with respect to a money services business, any of the following:
- (a) A person who holds the title of president, <u>treasurer</u>, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operations officer, chief legal officer, or compliance officer for a money services business.
- (b) A person who holds any of the officer, general partner, manager, or managing member positions named in the money services business's governing documents. As used in this paragraph, the term "governing documents" includes bylaws, articles of incorporation or organization, partnership agreements, shareholder agreements, and management or operating agreements.
- (c) A person who holds any position named by the money services business's liability insurance coverage for directors and officers, if the business has such coverage.
 - (d) A director of the money services business's board of directors.
- (e) A person who directs the affairs of a money services business or who participates in, or has authority to participate in, the major policymaking functions of a money services business, regardless of whether the person has an official title or receives a salary or other compensation.
- (d)(f) A shareholder whose name shares are registered in the records of a corporation for profit, whether incorporated under the laws of this state or organized under the laws of any other jurisdiction and existing in that legal form, who owns 25 percent or more of a class of the company's equity securities For a money services business that is a corporation, all shareholders that, directly or indirectly, own 25 percent or more or that have the power to vote 25 percent or more of a class of voting securities.

- (e)(g) A general partner or a limited partner, as those terms are defined in s. 620.1102, who has a 25 percent or more transferable interest, as defined in s. 620.1102, of a limited partnership, limited liability limited partnership, foreign limited partnership, or foreign limited liability limited partnership, as those terms are defined in s. 620.1102 For a money services business that is a partnership, all general partners, and those limited or special partners that have contributed 25 percent or more or that have the right to receive upon dissolution 25 percent or more of the partnership's capital.
- (f)(h) A member, who is a person that owns a membership interest in a limited liability company or a foreign limited liability company, as those terms are defined in s. 605.0102(36) and (26), respectively, that holds a 25 percent or more membership interest in such companies. As used in this subsection, the term "membership interest" means a member's right to receive distributions or other rights, such as voting rights or management rights, under the articles of organization For a money services business that is a limited liability company, all managers, and those members that have contributed 25 percent or more or that have the right to receive upon dissolution 25 percent or more of the limited liability company's capital.
- (g) A natural person who indirectly owns 25 percent or more of the shares or stock interest, transferable interest as defined in s. 620.1102, or membership interest as defined in paragraph (f), of any legal entities referred to in paragraphs (d)-(f).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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