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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO: Louisiana Money Transmission Act (“LMTA”) Licensees
FROM: Michelle Jeansonne, Chief Examiner
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RE: 2026 Legislative Summary

The following Legislative Summary is intended to detail the key provisions of Act 888 (HB 1230) of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session, which enacts the LMTA and repeals and replaces the existing Louisiana Sale of Check and Money Transmission Act (“SOCMTA”), that was enacted in 1966, thereby providing for the modernization of money transmission laws in the State of Louisiana. Enactment of the LMTA will also ensure a strong state system of financial regulation that reduces regulatory burden, eliminates inefficiencies, and improves the overall effectiveness of the state system.

The LMTA is based primarily on the CSBS Model Money Transmission Modernization Act (“MTMA”), which contains a single set of nationwide standards and requirements that was created by industry and state regulators back in 2021. To date, over 30 states have adopted the MTMA to varying degrees. Please review this information very carefully to determine how this legislation may impact your operations in the future. To view Act 888 in its entirety, please visit the Louisiana Legislature's website at www.legis.gov.

2026 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Act 888 (HB 1230) provides for a set of nationwide standards and requirements for money transmission that is designed to strengthen consumer protection through enhanced prudential standards and disclosure requirements. Key provisions of the legislation include the following: streamlines multistate licensing and supervisory processes; standardizes definitions and exemptions; increases tangible net worth and surety bond requirements; provides uniform treatment of permissible investments; requires submission of audited financial statements and quarterly financial reports through the NMLS; standardizes the requirements for licensees

wishing to conduct business in this State through an Authorized Agent; expands the enforcement authority of the Commissioner; adds requirements relating to consumer protection and other supervisory matters; increases various fees; and greatly expands utilization of the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (“NMLS”) that will increase efficiency in the licensing process and enhance risk detection.

The Act specifically provides that “A person licensed in this state to engage in the business of money transmission shall not be subject to the provisions of this Act, to the extent that they conflict with or establish new requirements not imposed under law as it existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, **until such time as the licensee renews its current license or for twelve months after the effective date of this Act, whichever is later.**”

The Act was signed into law on June 9, 2026, with an effective date of July 1, 2026.

For more information regarding this legislation, and how it may impact your operations in the future, please contact the Non-Depository Division at 225-925-4660 or NMLS@ofi.la.gov.

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