

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 555

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**BANKS/BANKING: Provides relative to elderly financial exploitation.**

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DIGEST

Present law defines "financial exploitation".

Proposed law adds to the definition of "financial exploitation" the following:

- (1) The use of a scam, a deceptive scheme, enticement, extortion, or impersonation of a government official, causing the eligible adult to conduct a financial transaction or to transfer money to a stranger or imposter for a promised benefit or good that the eligible adult did not receive.
- (2) The use of fraud, false pretense, or misrepresentation in conducting a financial transaction for personal gain at the expense of the eligible adult.

Proposed law defines "trusted contact".

Present law provides that a covered financial institution may notify a third party reasonably associated with an eligible adult in certain circumstances. Present law further provides that a third party includes an authorized contact provided by the eligible adult to the covered financial institution.

Proposed law changes an authorized contact to a trusted contact.

Proposed law adds that beginning January 1, 2027, a covered financial institution shall provide training to the appropriate employees who interact with eligible adults regarding financial transactions on recognizing and responding to the signs of exploitation of an eligible adult.

Present law provides that any delay of a financial transaction as authorized pursuant to present law shall expire or be terminated when 15 business days pass from the date on which the covered financial institution first initiated the delay of the financial transaction.

Proposed law extends that period to 45 business days.

Present law provides that a covered financial institution may extend the delay following a request from a covered agency to no more than 25 business days from the date on which the covered financial institution first initiated the delay of the financial transaction.

Proposed law extends that period to 60 days.

Proposed law provides that nothing in present law and proposed law shall limit or affect a covered financial institution's contractual rights to delay a financial transaction.

(Amends R.S. 6:1373(B)(2) and 1374(E)(2) and (F)(1); Adds R.S. 6:1372(5)(c) and (d) and (7), 1373.1, and 1374(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add the definition of "trusted contact".

3. Change "an authorized contact" to "a trusted contact" as a third party that a covered financial institution may notify in certain circumstances.
4. Add training for a covered financial institution.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Provides that financial exploitation includes the use of fraud, false pretenses, or misrepresentation in conducting a financial transaction for personal gain at the expense of an eligible adult.
2. Adds that the required, training will begin on January 1, 2027.
3. Extends the maximum period for delaying a financial transaction from 30 days to 45 days.
4. Extends the maximum agency request delay of a financial transaction from 45 business days to 60 business days from the date the covered financial institution first initiated the delay.
5. Provides that nothing in present or proposed law limits a covered financial institution's contractual authority to delay a financial transaction.
6. Makes technical changes.