

SENATE BILL 550

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Economic Matters —

Introduced by **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Augustine, Benson, Carter, Elfreth, Ellis, Feldman, Gile, Hayes, Hettleman, Kagan, King, Hester, Jackson, Lam, McCray, Muse, Waldstreicher, M. Washington, Watson, West, ~~and Zucker~~ Zucker, Beidle, Klausmeier, and Griffith**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Regulation – Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund –**
3 **Establishment**
4 **(Access to Banking Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the establishment of a~~ *establishing the* Maryland
6 Community Investment Venture Fund ~~by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation~~
7 *as an instrumentality of the State* for certain purposes; providing for certain
8 assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions ~~that~~
9 ~~establish de novo branches or maintain branches~~ in certain areas; authorizing the
10 use of the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund for certain
11 purposes; and generally relating to ~~financial regulation~~ *the Maryland Community*

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Investment Venture Fund and the assessment of banking institutions and credit
2 unions.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Financial Institutions
5 Section 2–118, 5–203, and 6–712
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Financial Institutions
10 Section 2–118.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Financial Institutions
15 Section 5–101(a) and (b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Financial Institutions**

21 2–118.

22 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Banking Institution and Credit Union
23 Regulation Fund established under this section.

24 (b) There is a Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund that
25 consists of:

26 (1) All revenue received for the chartering and regulation of persons who
27 engage in the business of a banking institution or credit union under this article; and

28 (2) Any other fee, assessment, or revenue received by the Commissioner
29 from banking institutions and credit unions under this article.

30 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner shall pay all
31 fines and penalties collected by the Commissioner from banking institutions and credit
32 unions under this article into the General Fund of the State.

33 (d) The purpose of the Fund is to pay all the costs and expenses incurred by the
34 Commissioner that are related to the regulation of banking institutions and credit unions
35 under this article, including:

1 (1) Expenditures authorized under this article; [and]

2 (2) INVESTMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 2-118.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;
3 AND

4 [(2)] (3) Any other expense authorized in the State budget.

5 (e) (1) All the costs and expenses of the Commissioner relating to the
6 regulation of banking institutions and credit unions under this article shall be included in
7 the State budget.

8 (2) Any expenditures from the Fund to cover costs and expenses of the
9 Commissioner may be made only:

10 (i) By an appropriation from the Fund approved by the General
11 Assembly in the annual State budget; or

12 (ii) By the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7-209 of
13 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

14 (3) If, in any given fiscal year, the amount of the revenue collected by the
15 Commissioner and deposited into the Fund exceeds the actual appropriation for the
16 Commissioner to regulate banking institutions and credit unions under this article, the
17 excess amount shall be carried forward within the Fund.

18 (f) (1) The State Treasurer is the custodian of the Fund.

19 (2) The State Treasurer shall deposit payments received from the
20 Commissioner into the Fund.

21 (g) (1) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to §
22 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, and may not be deemed a part of the
23 General Fund of the State.

24 (2) Unless otherwise provided by law, no part of the Fund may revert or be
25 credited to:

26 (i) The General Fund of the State; or

27 (ii) A special fund of the State.

28 **2-118.1.**

29 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
30 INDICATED.

1 (2) “FUND” MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
2 VENTURE FUND.

3 ~~(2)~~ (3) “LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT” HAS THE MEANING
4 STATED IN § 5-203 OF THIS ARTICLE.

5 ~~(3) “PRIVATE VENTURE FUND” MEANS THE SEPARATE ENTITY OR~~
6 ~~ENTITIES CHARTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (K) (J) OF THIS~~
7 ~~SECTION.~~

8 (B) (1) ~~THE COMMISSIONER MAY INVEST IN~~ THERE IS A MARYLAND
9 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND.

10 (2) ~~THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND IS A~~
11 ~~PRIVATE VENTURE FUND THAT IS A SEPARATELY CHARTERED EQUITY FUND USING~~
12 ~~BOTH:~~

13 (I) IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE; AND

14 (II) USES PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT FUNDS.

15 ~~(3)~~ (C) (1) ~~THE~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION, THE PURPOSE OF THE ~~PRIVATE VENTURE FUND~~ FUND IS TO DEVELOP
17 OPPORTUNITIES FOR BANKING INSTITUTIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS TO BETTER
18 SERVE THE NEEDS OF LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACTS BY:

19 (I) INVESTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL PRODUCT
20 OR FINANCIAL PRODUCT UNDERWRITING INNOVATIONS THAT ~~WILL~~ ENHANCE
21 ACCESS TO CAPITAL, FUNDING, AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR BUSINESSES
22 IN LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACTS IN ~~MARYLAND~~ THE STATE;

23 (II) DEPLOYING, TESTING, AND EVALUATING ~~THESE~~ THE
24 INNOVATIONS FOR PROVIDING CAPITAL AND FUNDING TO BUSINESSES IN LOW- TO
25 MODERATE-INCOME TRACTS IN ~~MARYLAND~~ THE STATE; AND

26 (III) PROMOTING AND MAKING ~~THESE~~ THE INNOVATIONS
27 AVAILABLE TO ~~A VARIETY OF~~ BANKING INSTITUTIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS FOR USE
28 IN ENHANCING ACCESS TO CAPITAL, FUNDING, AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES
29 FOR BUSINESSES IN LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACTS IN ~~MARYLAND~~ THE
30 STATE.

1 **(2) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER, THE PURPOSE OF**
 2 **THE FUND MAY BE ALTERED IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT**
 3 **AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

4 **(D) (1) (I) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A GOVERNANCE**
 5 **STRUCTURE FOR THE FUND.**

6 **(II) THE COMMISSIONER MAY COLLABORATE WITH INVESTORS**
 7 **IN THE FUND WHEN ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.**

8 **(2) THE COMMISSIONER, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE, SHALL**
 9 **SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FUND.**

10 **(E) (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ~~EXPEND~~ USE UP TO \$250,000**
 11 **FROM THE BANKING INSTITUTION AND CREDIT UNION REGULATION FUND**
 12 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-118 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO COVER THE EXPENSES**
 13 **ASSOCIATED WITH ~~CHARTERING AND ORGANIZING THE PRIVATE VENTURE FUND~~**
 14 **ESTABLISHING THE FUND, INCLUDING ACCOUNTING, ADVISORY, THIRD-PARTY**
 15 **SERVICE PROVIDER, MARKETING, AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES.**

16 **(D) (2) TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT, THE COMMISSIONER MAY**
 17 **PROVIDE ~~THE AN~~ AN INITIAL EQUITY CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE ~~PRIVATE VENTURE~~**
 18 **~~FUND FUND~~ FUND IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,500,000 FROM THE BANKING INSTITUTION**
 19 **AND CREDIT UNION REGULATION FUND.**

20 **(E) (1) THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, THE COMMISSIONER MAY MATCH**
 21 **~~ANY AN~~ AN INVESTMENT MADE IN THE ~~PRIVATE VENTURE FUND FUND~~ FUND BY A BANKING**
 22 **INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION UP TO THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSMENT CREDIT**
 23 **EARNED BY ~~THAT THE~~ THE BANKING INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION ~~UNDER IN~~**
 24 **ACCORDANCE WITH ~~§ 5-203(C)~~ § 5-203(D) OR § 6-712(C)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

25 **(F) (2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT MAKE ~~ANY FURTHER~~**
 26 **~~INVESTMENTS AN INVESTMENT~~ IN THE ~~PRIVATE VENTURE FUND FUND~~ FUND AFTER JUNE**
 27 **30, 2028.**

28 **(G) ~~ANY AND ALL~~ ALL INVESTMENT RETURNS OR RETURN OF CAPITAL**
 29 **FROM THE ~~PRIVATE VENTURE FUND FUND~~ FUND WITH RESPECT TO ~~ANY AN~~ AN INVESTMENT**
 30 **AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE ~~THE PROPERTY OF~~ CREDITED TO**
 31 **THE BANKING INSTITUTION AND CREDIT UNION REGULATION FUND.**

32 **(H) (1) ~~SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE~~**
 33 **~~COMMISSIONER MAY NEGOTIATE APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES FOR~~**
 34 **~~THE PRIVATE VENTURE FUND WITH OTHER INVESTORS.~~**

~~(2) THE COMMISSIONER OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALWAYS SERVE ON THE BODY GOVERNING THE PRIVATE VENTURE FUND.~~

~~(3) (I) THE PURPOSE OF THE PRIVATE VENTURE FUND MAY NOT BE ALTERED OR AMENDED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSIONER.~~

~~(H) ANY ALTERED OR AMENDED PURPOSE MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.~~

~~(H) (H) AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER, AND IN ADDITION TO ANY CUSTOMARY AND APPROPRIATE AUDITS OF THE ~~FUND~~ FUND, THE PRIVATE VENTURE FUND GOVERNING BODY OF THE FUND SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO EVALUATE WHETHER ALL THE INVESTMENTS MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY MADE TO THE FUND COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.~~

~~(J) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A SERVICE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OBTAINS UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSIONER IS SUBJECT TO TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE FOR SERVICES CONTRACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OR (K) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(K) (J) (I) (1) TO THE EXTENT IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT SEPARATE PRIVATE VENTURE FUNDS ARE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE PRIVATE VENTURE FUND FUND, THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXPEND FUNDS USE MONEY FROM THE FUND TO CHARTER AND ORGANIZE ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL PRIVATE VENTURE FUNDS.~~

~~(2) ANY AN ADDITIONAL PRIVATE VENTURE FUNDS CHARTERED AND ORGANIZED UNDER FUND ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION ON THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE AGGREGATE EXPENSE AND INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS STATED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) THROUGH (F) OF THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (B) THROUGH (F) OF THIS SECTION.~~

5-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 ***(b) “CAMELS” means the composite rating adopted by the federal Financial***
2 ***Institutions Examination Council to evaluate the adequacy of capital, quality of assets,***
3 ***capability of management, quality and level of earnings, adequacy of liquidity, and***
4 ***sensitivity to market risk.***

5 5–203.

6 **(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION, ~~UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES~~**
7 **~~OTHERWISE,~~ THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

8 **(2) “BRANCH” MEANS A DEPOSIT-TAKING OFFICE OF A BANKING**
9 **INSTITUTION ~~IN MARYLAND~~ OTHER THAN THE MAIN OFFICE AS DEFINED BY THE**
10 **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.**

11 **(3) “DE NOVO BRANCH” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5–1001 OF**
12 **THIS TITLE ~~WITH RESPECT TO A BANKING INSTITUTION.~~**

13 **(4) “DEPOSIT GROWTH CAP” MEANS THE YEAR-OVER-YEAR**
14 **PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF DOMESTIC OFFICE DEPOSITS AS REPORTED *ON***
15 **DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**
16 **IN THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION QUARTERLY BANK PROFILE.**

17 **(5) “DEPOSITS” MEANS DEPOSITS ORIGINATED AND HOUSED AT A**
18 **BRANCH LOCATED IN A LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT AS REPORTED BY A**
19 **BANKING INSTITUTION TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**
20 **EACH YEAR AS OF JUNE 30.**

21 **(6) “LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT” MEANS A CENSUS TRACT**
22 **DELINEATED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS IN THE MOST RECENT**
23 **DECENNIAL CENSUS AS PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
24 **EXAMINATION COUNCIL THAT CORRESPONDS TO LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME**
25 **LEVEL CLASSIFICATIONS AS DEFINED BY THE REGULATION OF THE FEDERAL**
26 **RESERVE BOARD IMPLEMENTING THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT,**
27 **12 C.F.R. 228.12.**

28 **(B)** The Commissioner shall impose annual assessments on each banking
29 institution as provided in this section, to cover the expense of regulating banking
30 institutions.

31 **[(b)] (C)** (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
32 Commissioner shall assess each banking institution the sum of:

33 (i) \$8,000; plus

- 1 (ii) 1. 12 cents for each \$1,000 of the assets of the institution over
2 \$50,000,000, but not more than \$250,000,000;
- 3 2. 10 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$250,000,000, but
4 not more than \$500,000,000;
- 5 3. 9 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$500,000,000, but not
6 more than \$1,000,000,000;
- 7 4. 8 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$1,000,000,000, but
8 not more than \$10,000,000,000; and
- 9 5. 7 cents for each \$1,000 of assets over \$10,000,000,000.

10 (2) If a banking institution is not in the business of accepting deposits or
11 retaining funds in a deposit account as defined in § 5–509 of this title, the Commissioner
12 shall assess the banking institution the sum of:

13 (i) \$5,000; plus

- 14 (ii) 1. 0.3 cents for each \$1,000 of managed assets held in a
15 fiduciary capacity up to \$5,000,000,000;
- 16 2. 0.2 cents for each \$1,000 of managed assets held in a
17 fiduciary capacity over \$5,000,000,000, but not more than \$20,000,000,000;
- 18 3. 0.1 cent for each \$1,000 of managed assets held in a
19 fiduciary capacity over \$20,000,000,000 up to \$27,500,000,000;
- 20 4. 0.2 cents for each \$1,000 of nonmanaged and custodial
21 assets held in a fiduciary capacity up to \$5,000,000,000; and
- 22 5. 0.1 cent for each \$1,000 of nonmanaged and custodial
23 assets held in a fiduciary capacity over \$5,000,000,000 up to \$20,000,000,000.

24 (3) The assessments shall be based on assets stated in a banking
25 institution's most recent financial report.

26 **(D) A WELL-CAPITALIZED BANKING INSTITUTION WITH A COMPOSITE**
27 **CAMELS RATING OF 1 OR 2 MAY FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER A REQUEST FOR**
28 **AN ASSESSMENT OFFSET CREDIT OF:**

29 **(1) 12 CENTS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF DEPOSITS IN A DE NOVO BRANCH**
30 **LOCATED IN A LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT FOR THE FIRST 5 YEARS AFTER**
31 **THE DATE THE BRANCH OPENED; OR**

1 **(2) 6 CENTS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF DEPOSITS IN A BRANCH LOCATED IN**
2 **A LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPOSIT GROWTH CAP.**

3 **[(c)] (E)** Notwithstanding subsection **[(b)] (C)** of this section, for a banking
4 institution with a composite CAMELS rating of 3, 4, or 5 for its most recent examination,
5 the annual assessment imposed under this section shall be increased by an additional 25%.

6 **[(d)] (F)** A banking institution shall pay the assessment imposed under this
7 section to the Commissioner on or before the April 15 after it is imposed.

8 **(G) THE COMMISSIONER MAY DESIGNATE A SUCCESSOR INDEX FOR:**

9 **(1) THE LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT IF THE FEDERAL**
10 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL TRACT INCOME LEVEL DATA IS**
11 **NO LONGER PUBLISHED; OR**

12 **(2) THE DEPOSIT GROWTH CAP IF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT**
13 **INSURANCE CORPORATION REPORT OF DOMESTIC OFFICE DEPOSITS IS NO LONGER**
14 **PUBLISHED.**

15 6-712.

16 **(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION, ~~UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES~~**
17 **~~OTHERWISE,~~ THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

18 **(2) “DE NOVO BRANCH” MEANS A BRANCH OF A CREDIT UNION THAT**
19 **WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE CREDIT UNION IN ~~MARYLAND~~ THE STATE.**

20 **(3) “DEPOSIT GROWTH CAP” MEANS THE YEAR-OVER-YEAR**
21 **PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF TOTAL SHARES AND DEPOSITS REPORTED DECEMBER 31**
22 **EACH YEAR BY FEDERALLY INSURED CREDIT UNIONS TO THE NATIONAL CREDIT**
23 **UNION ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLISHED IN THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION**
24 **ADMINISTRATION CALL REPORT AGGREGATE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**
25 **REPORTS.**

26 **(4) “DEPOSITS” MEANS DEPOSITS ORIGINATED AND HOUSED AT A**
27 **CREDIT UNION BRANCH LOCATED IN A LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT AS**
28 **REPORTED BY A CREDIT UNION TO THE COMMISSIONER EACH YEAR AS OF JUNE 30.**

29 **(5) “LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT” HAS THE MEANING**
30 **STATED IN § 5-203 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

31 **(B)** This section applies only to a credit union with assets of \$300,000 or greater.

1 **[(b)] (C)** (1) The Commissioner shall impose an annual assessment on each
2 credit union as provided in this subsection to cover the expense of regulating credit unions.

3 (2) The Commissioner shall assess each credit union the sum of:

4 (i) \$1,000; and

5 (ii) 8 cents for each \$1,000 of the assets of the credit union over
6 \$1,000,000.

7 (3) The assessment shall be based on assets stated in the credit union's
8 most recent financial report.

9 **(4) A WELL-CAPITALIZED CREDIT UNION WITH A COMPOSITE**
10 **CAMELS RATING OF 1 OR 2 MAY FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER A REQUEST FOR**
11 **AN ASSESSMENT OFFSET CREDIT OF:**

12 **(I) 12 CENTS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF DEPOSITS IN A DE NOVO**
13 **BRANCH LOCATED IN A LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT FOR THE FIRST 5 YEARS**
14 **AFTER THE DATE THE DE NOVO BRANCH OPENED; OR**

15 **(II) 6 CENTS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF DEPOSITS IN A BRANCH**
16 **LOCATED IN A LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME TRACT NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPOSIT**
17 **GROWTH CAP.**

18 **[(c)] (D)** A credit union shall pay the assessment imposed under this section to
19 the Commissioner on or before the March 1 after the assessment is imposed.

20 **(E) THE COMMISSIONER MAY DESIGNATE A SUCCESSOR INDEX FOR THE**
21 **DEPOSIT GROWTH CAP IF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION CALL**
22 **REPORT AGGREGATE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS IS NO LONGER**
23 **PUBLISHED.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2023.