

**STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION**

In Re:)	
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8 V.S.A. Chapter 79 – Money Transmitters)	Docket No. 17-021-B
Receipts Transition Period)	

**ORDER
TRANSITION PERIOD FOR MONEY TRANSMITTERS
TO IMPLEMENT RECEIPT REQUIREMENTS**

Background

1. Section 13, Act 22 of 2017 becomes effective on July 1, 2017.
2. Act 22 amended 8 V.S.A. Chapter 79 and requires every money transmitter licensee and its authorized delegates to provide a receipt to the customer that clearly states the name, address, and telephone number of the licensee; the amount of money presented for transmission; and the total of any fees charged by the licensee. 8 V.S.A. § 2511(a).
3. The Department is aware that the money services industry is built upon third party relationships such as its authorized delegates and clients that play varying roles in the completion of a transaction.
4. The Department is aware that money transmission may be in the form of a pre-packaged product that requires design, production and distribution; or is dependent upon software technology. In such situations sufficient lead time is required to implement change.
5. The Department does not want to disrupt money transmission services while licensees and their authorized delegates work towards compliance with the Section 13 of Act 22.

6. Pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 15 the Commissioner may issue such orders as shall be necessary to the administration of title 8 V.S.A. and to carry out the purposes of such title.

7. Pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 10, the Commissioner is directed to supervise organizations that provide financial services and products in a manner that: ensures their solvency, liquidity, stability, and efficiency; encourages the development, expansion, and availability of financial services and products; and protects consumers.

8. The Commissioner finds that providing licensees and their authorized delegates some additional limited time to adjust to the changes resulting from Act 22 without creating undue hardship for licensees, their authorized delegates, clients, or customers is necessary and appropriate to the administration of 8 V.S.A. Chapter 79 and to carrying out the purposes of Chapter 79 by providing stability for money transmitters and ensuring the availability of money transmission services to Vermonters.

Order

It is hereby ordered that:

9. Prior to September 30, 2017, a licensee who provides documentation demonstrating that the licensee initiated action to comply with 8 V.S.A. § 2511(a) will not be penalized for failure to comply with the receipt requirements of 8 V.S.A. § 2511(a).

10. On and after September 30, 2017, all licensees and their authorized delegates must provide a receipt to the customer in full accordance with 8 V.S.A. § 2511(a).

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 29th day of June 2017.



Michael S. Pieciak, Commissioner
Vermont Department of Financial Regulation