

CHAPTER 385

AGRICULTURE

HOUSE BILL 22-1053

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also SENATOR(S) Hansen, Bridges, Ginal, Hinrichsen, Lee, Pettersen, Rankin, Simpson, Woodward.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE USE OF BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN COMMERCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 35-1-116 as follows:

35-1-116. Blockchain educational program - repeal. (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CREATE AND DEPLOY AN ONLINE PROGRAM THAT TEACHES:

(a) THE BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALES;

(b) THE DIFFERENT BLOCKCHAIN PROGRAMS THAT EXIST FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS; AND

(c) THE REQUIREMENTS TO BEGIN USING A BLOCKCHAIN PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST PRACTICES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP THE ONLINE PROGRAM USING BEST PRACTICES. ~~TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CONSULT OR CONTRACT WITH THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.~~

(3) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PUBLICIZE THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

(4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2030.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$72,768 is appropriated to the department of agriculture for use by the agricultural markets division. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for program costs related to agricultural markets.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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