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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to issuers of digital assets; amending 3 s. 560.103, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 560.2053, F.S.; providing requirements to qualify as 4 5 recognized payment stablecoin issuers; providing that 6 recognized payment stablecoin issuers are not required 7 to obtain specified separate licenses or registration 8 for certain purposes; providing violations and 9 penalties; providing that the Office of Financial 10 Regulation of the Financial Services Commission has 11 jurisdiction to determine certain compliance; 12 authorizing the office to bring actions under certain 13 enforcement provisions; providing an effective date. 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 17 Section 1. Subsections (31), (32), (33), (34), (35), and 18 (36) of section 560.103, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as 19 subsections (32), (33), (34), (36), (37), and (38), 20 respectively, and new subsections (31) and (35) are added to that section, to read: 21 22 560.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term: 23 (31)(a) "Payment stablecoin" means a stablecoin that meets 24 all of the following requirements: 25 Is fully backed by reserve assets limited to United

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States currency, demand deposits at insured depository institutions, United States Treasury bills having a remaining maturity of 90 days or less, or reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by such treasury bills.

- 2. Is redeemable by the issuer or its agent at all times at a 1-to-1 ratio for United States dollars.
 - 3. Does not pay interest or dividend to holders.
- 4. Meets any additional criteria for a permitted payment stablecoin under federal law, including the GENIUS Act of 2025.
- (b) The term does not include a central bank digital currency issued directly or indirectly by a central bank, monetary authority, or other governmental agency, whether foreign or domestic. The term is not a security, as defined in s. 517.021.
- (c) As used in this subsection, the term "stablecoin" means a digital asset designed, through collateralization, algorithmic mechanisms, or both, to maintain a stable value relative to one or more fiat currencies, commodities, or other reference assets. As used in this paragraph, the term "digital asset":
- 1. Means a controllable electronic record, as defined in s. 669.102(1), capable of being held or transferred electronically and representing economic, proprietary, or access rights.
 - 2. Includes virtual currency, digital commodities, digital

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51	asset securities, and non-fungible tokens. As used in this
52	subparagraph, the term "non-fungible token" means a digital
53	asset that represents unique ownership rights to a particular
54	item or content and is not interchangeable on a one-for-one
55	basis with other tokens of the same type.
56	(35) "Recognized payment stablecoin issuer" means a person
57	that meets the requirements of s. 560.2053.
58	Section 2. Section 560.2053, Florida Statutes, is created
59	to read:
60	560.2053 Recognized payment stablecoin issuers; safe
61	<u>harbor</u>
62	(1) A person is a recognized payment stablecoin issuer in
63	this state if the person meets and maintains the requirements of
64	subsection (2) at all times. A recognized payment stablecoin
65	issuer is not required to obtain a separate license or
66	registration under this chapter solely to issue or redeem
67	payment stablecoins.
68	(2) To qualify as a recognized payment stablecoin issuer,
69	a person must meet all of the following requirements:
70	(a) Maintain reserve assets described in s.
71	560.103(31) (a)1. in an amount equal to or greater than the
72	aggregate outstanding payment stablecoins.
73	(b) Redeem payment stablecoins at par value upon demand by
74	<u>a holder.</u>
75	(c) Prohibit the lending, pledging, or encumbrance of

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reserve assets.

- (d) Publicly disclose, at least monthly, the composition and value of reserve assets. Each disclosure must be published in a report that has been examined by a registered public accounting firm and certified by the issuer's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, consistent with the requirements of the federal GENIUS Act of 2025.
- (3) A person that knowingly represents itself as a recognized payment stablecoin issuer without meeting the requirements of this section violates this chapter and is subject to the disciplinary and enforcement provisions of part I of this chapter.
- (4) The office has jurisdiction to determine compliance with this section and may bring an action under the enforcement provisions of this chapter.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.