

286.9-100 Procedures to be followed by licensees.

- (1) (a) Any fee charged by a licensee for cashing a check or entering into a deferred deposit transaction shall be disclosed in writing to the bearer of the check prior to cashing the check or entering into a deferred deposit transaction, and the fee shall be deemed a service fee and not interest.
 - (b) A licensee shall not charge a service fee in excess of fifteen dollars (\$15) per one hundred dollars (\$100) on the face amount of a deferred deposit check. A licensee shall prorate any fee, based upon the maximum fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) per one hundred dollars (\$100). This service fee shall be for a period of at least fourteen (14) days.
- (2) Before a licensee shall deposit with any bank or other depository institution a check cashed by the licensee, the check shall be endorsed with the actual name under which the licensee is doing business.
- (3) A licensee shall not cash a check payable to a payee other than a natural person unless the licensee has previously obtained appropriate documentation from the board of directors or similar governing body of the payee clearly indicating the authority of the natural person or persons cashing the check, draft, or money order on behalf of the payee.
- (4) (a) A licensee shall:
 1. Not indicate through advertising, signs, billhead, or otherwise that checks may be cashed without identification of the bearer of the check; and
 2. Require any person seeking to cash a check to submit reasonable identification as prescribed by the commissioner.
- (b) The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit a licensee from cashing a check simultaneously with the verification and establishment of the identity of the presenter by means other than the presentation of identification.
- (5) (a) Within two (2) business days after being advised by a financial institution that a payment instrument has been altered, forged, stolen, obtained through fraudulent or illegal means, negotiated without proper legal authority, or otherwise represents the proceeds of illegal activity, the licensee shall notify the commissioner and the prosecutor or law enforcement authority in the county in which the check was received.
- (b) If a payment instrument is returned to the licensee by a financial institution for any of the reasons stated in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the licensee shall not release the payment instrument without the written consent of the prosecutor or law enforcement authority or a court order.
- (6) A licensee shall not alter or delete the date on any payment instrument accepted by the licensee.
- (7) A licensee shall not engage in unfair or deceptive acts, practices, or advertising in the conduct of the licensed business.
- (8) A licensee shall not require a customer to provide security for a deferred deposit transaction or require the customer to provide a guaranty from another person.

- (9) (a) A licensee shall not have more than two (2) deferred deposit transactions from any one (1) customer at any one time.
- (b) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph, the total proceeds received by a customer from all open deferred deposit transactions shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600).
- 2. a. Subject to subdivision b. of this subparagraph, the commissioner shall, on or before July 1 of each year, issue an order increasing, or decreasing if the percent change is negative, the maximum amount of total proceeds permitted under subparagraph 1. of this paragraph by the percent change in the nonseasonally adjusted annual average Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, All Items, for the previous calendar year as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, except the amount shall be rounded up to the nearest ten dollar (\$10) increment.
- b. The commissioner shall not issue an order under subdivision a. of this subparagraph that results in the amount of total proceeds permitted under subparagraph 1. of this paragraph exceeding eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850).
- (10) (a) If the database described in KRS 286.9-140 is unavailable due to technical difficulties with the database, as determined by the commissioner, a licensee shall utilize the process established in this subsection to verify deferred deposit transactions.
- (b) A licensee shall inquire of any customer seeking to enter into a deferred deposit transaction, whether the customer has any outstanding deferred deposit transactions from any licensee.
- (c) If the customer represents in writing that the customer has no more than one (1) deferred deposit transaction outstanding to any licensee and that the total proceeds received by the customer from the outstanding deferred deposit transaction does not equal or exceed the amount permitted under subsection (9)(b) of this section, a licensee may accept a deferred deposit transaction in an amount that, when combined with the customer's other outstanding deferred deposit transaction, does not exceed the amount permitted under subsection (9)(b) of this section.
- (d) If the customer represents in writing that the customer has more than one (1) deferred deposit transaction outstanding to licensees or if the total proceeds received by the customer from the deferred deposit transactions equal or exceed the amount permitted under subsection (9)(b) of this section, a licensee shall not enter into another deferred deposit transaction with that customer until the customer represents to the licensee in writing that the customer qualifies to enter into a new deferred deposit transaction under the requirements set forth in this subtitle.
- (11) A licensee shall not use any device or agreement, including agreements with an affiliate of a licensee, with the intent to obtain greater charges than are authorized in this subtitle.

- (12) A licensee shall not agree to hold a deferred deposit transaction for more than sixty (60) days.
- (13) (a) Each deferred deposit transaction shall be made according to a written or electronic agreement that is:
1. Dated and signed by the customer and the licensee or an authorized agent of the licensee; and
 2. Made available to the commissioner upon request.
- (b) The customer shall receive a copy of the agreement referenced in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (c) A customer may enter into an agreement referenced in paragraph (a) of this subsection:
1. In person at the licensed location; or
 2. If the customer is a citizen of this state, by telephone or other electronic means.
- (14) A licensee or its affiliate shall not for a fee renew, roll over, or otherwise consolidate a deferred deposit transaction for a customer.
- (15) An individual who enters into a deferred deposit transaction with a licensee shall not be convicted under the provisions of KRS 514.040.
- (16) A licensee who enters into a deferred deposit transaction with an individual shall not prosecute or threaten to prosecute the individual under the provisions of KRS 514.040.
- (17) Each licensee shall conspicuously display in each of its deferred deposit business locations a sign supplied by the commissioner that gives the following notice: "No person who enters into a post-dated or deferred deposit transaction with this business establishment will be prosecuted for or convicted of writing cold checks or of theft by deception under the provisions of KRS 514.040."
- (18) A licensee shall not enter into a deferred deposit transaction with a customer who has two (2) open deferred deposit transactions.
- (19) A licensee shall verify a customer's eligibility to enter into a deferred deposit transaction by doing one (1) of the following, as applicable:
- (a) If the database is not fully operational, as determined by the commissioner, the licensee shall verify that the customer meets the eligibility requirements for a deferred deposit transaction under this subtitle. The licensee shall maintain a database of all of the licensee's transactions at all of its locations and search that database to meet its obligation under this subtitle; or
 - (b) If the database is fully operational, as determined by the commissioner, the licensee shall promptly and accurately access the database through an internet real-time connection, and verify that the customer meets the eligibility requirements for a deferred deposit transaction under this subtitle.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2026). 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 98, sec. 4, provides that the amendments to this statute in that Act apply to deferred deposit transactions entered on or after July 15, 2026.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/12/2006). In accordance with 2006 Ky. Acts ch. 247, secs. 38 and 39, this statute has been renumbered as a section of the Kentucky Financial Services Code, KRS Chapter 286, and KRS references within this statute have been adjusted to conform with the 2006 renumbering of that code.