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The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 42a-1-201 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 3 1, 2026):
- 4 (b) Subject to definitions contained in other articles of this title that apply to particular articles or parts thereof, in this title:
- 6 (1) "Action", in the sense of a judicial proceeding, includes 7 recoupment, counterclaim, set-off, suit in equity and any other 8 proceeding in which rights are determined.
- 9 (2) "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to pursue a remedy.
- 10 (3) "Agreement", as distinguished from "contract", means the bargain
- of the parties in fact, as found in their language or inferred from other
- 12 circumstances, including course of performance, course of dealing or

- usage of trade as provided in section 42a-1-303.
- (4) "Bank" means any person engaged in the business of banking and
 includes a savings bank, savings and loan association, credit union and
 trust company.
- 17 (5) "Bearer" means a person in control of a negotiable electronic 18 document of title or a person in possession of an instrument, a 19 negotiable tangible document of title, or a certificated security payable 20 to bearer or endorsed in blank.
- 21 (6) "Bill of lading" means a document of title evidencing the receipt of 22 goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in the business of 23 directly or indirectly transporting or forwarding goods. The term does 24 not include a warehouse receipt.
- 25 (7) "Branch" includes a separately incorporated foreign branch of a bank.
- 27 (8) "Burden of establishing" a fact means the burden of persuading 28 the trier of fact that the existence of the fact is more probable than its 29 nonexistence.
- 30 (9) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a person that buys 31 goods in good faith, without knowledge that the sale violates the rights 32 of another person in the goods, and in the ordinary course from a 33 person, other than a pawnbroker, in the business of selling goods of that 34 kind. A person buys goods in the ordinary course if the sale to the 35 person comports with the usual or customary practices in the kind of 36 business in which the seller is engaged or with the seller's own usual or 37 customary practices. A person that sells oil, gas or other minerals at the 38 wellhead or minehead is a person in the business of selling goods of that 39 kind. A buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for cash, by 40 exchange of other property or on secured or unsecured credit, and may 41 acquire goods or documents of title under a preexisting contract for sale. 42 Only a buyer that takes possession of the goods or has a right to recover 43 the goods from the seller under article 2 may be a buyer in ordinary

course of business. "Buyer in ordinary course of business" does not include a person that acquires goods in a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.

- (10) "Conspicuous", with reference to a term, means so written, displayed or presented that, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person against which it is to operate ought to have noticed it. Whether a term is "conspicuous" or not is a decision for the court. [Conspicuous terms include the following:
- 52 (A) A heading in capitals equal to or greater in size than the 53 surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font or color to the surrounding 54 text of the same or lesser size; and
 - (B) Language in the body of a record or display in larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks that call attention to the language.]
- 59 (11) "Consumer" means an individual who enters into a transaction 60 primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
 - (12) "Contract", as distinguished from "agreement", means the total legal obligation that results from the parties' agreement as determined by this title as supplemented by any other applicable laws.
 - (13) "Creditor" includes a general creditor, a secured creditor, a lien creditor and any representative of creditors, including an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver in equity and an executor or administrator of an insolvent debtor's or assignor's estate.
 - (14) "Defendant" includes a person in the position of defendant in a counterclaim, cross-claim or third-party claim.
 - (15) "Delivery" with respect to an electronic document of title means voluntary transfer of control and with respect to instruments, tangible documents of title, or an authoritative tangible copy of a record evidencing chattel paper, or certificated securities means voluntary

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- 75 (16) "Document of title" means a record (A) that in the regular course 76 of business or financing is treated as adequately evidencing that the 77 person in possession or control of the record is entitled to receive, 78 control, hold and dispose of the record and the goods the record covers, 79 and (B) that purports to be issued by or addressed to a bailee and to 80 cover goods in the bailee's possession which are either identified or are 81 fungible portions of an identified mass. The term includes a bill of 82 lading, transport document, dock warrant, dock receipt, warehouse 83 receipt and order for delivery of goods. An electronic document of title 84 means a document of title evidenced by a record consisting of 85 information stored in an electronic medium. A tangible document of 86 title means a document of title evidenced by a record consisting of
- 88 (17) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, 89 digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar 90 capabilities.
- 91 [(17)] (18) "Fault" means a default, breach or wrongful act or 92 omission.
- 93 [(18)] (19) "Fungible goods" means:
- 94 (A) Goods of which any unit, by nature or usage of trade, is the 95 equivalent of any other like unit; or
- 96 (B) Goods that by agreement are treated as equivalent.

information that is inscribed on a tangible medium.

- 97 [(19)] (20) "Genuine" means free of forgery or counterfeiting.
- 98 [(20)] (21) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.
- 100 [(21)] (22) "Holder" means:
- 101 (A) The person in possession of a negotiable instrument that is 102 payable either to bearer or to an identified person that is the person in

- 103 possession;
- (B) The person in possession of a negotiable tangible document of title
- if the goods are deliverable either to bearer or to the order of the person
- in possession; or
- 107 (C) The person in control, other than pursuant to subsection (g) of
- 108 section 42a-7-106, as amended by this act, of a negotiable electronic
- document of title.
- [(22)] (23) "Insolvency proceeding" includes an assignment for the
- 111 benefit of creditors or other proceeding intended to liquidate or
- rehabilitate the estate of the person involved.
- 113 [(23)] <u>(24)</u> "Insolvent" means:
- (A) Having generally ceased to pay debts in the ordinary course of
- business other than as a result of bona fide dispute;
- (B) Being unable to pay debts as they become due; or
- (C) Being insolvent within the meaning of federal bankruptcy law.
- [(24)] (25) "Money" means a medium of exchange that is currently
- authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government. The term
- 120 includes a monetary unit of account established by an
- intergovernmental organization or by agreement between two or more
- countries. "Money" does not include an electronic record that is a
- medium of exchange recorded and transferable in a system that existed
- and operated for the medium of exchange before the medium of
- exchange was authorized or adopted by the government.
- [(25)] (26) "Organization" means a person other than an individual.
- [(26)] (27) "Party", as distinguished from "third party", means a
- 128 person that has engaged in a transaction or made an agreement subject
- to this title.
- [(27)] (28) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust,

131 estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint 132 government, governmental subdivision, 133 instrumentality, [public corporation] or any other legal or commercial 134 entity. "Person" includes a protected series, however denominated, of 135 an entity if the protected series is established under law other than title 136 42a that limits, or limits if conditions specified under the law are 137 satisfied, the ability of a creditor of the entity or of any other protected

- series of the entity to satisfy a claim from assets of the protected series.
- [(28)] (29) "Present value" means the amount as of a date certain of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to the date certain by use of either an interest rate specified by the parties if that rate is not manifestly unreasonable at the time the transaction is entered into or, if an interest rate is not so specified, a commercially reasonable rate that takes into account the facts and circumstances at the time the transaction is entered into.
- [(29)] (30) "Purchase" means taking by sale, lease, discount, negotiation, mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, issue or reissue, gift or any other voluntary transaction creating an interest in property.
- [(30)] (31) "Purchaser" means a person that takes by purchase.
- [(31)] (32) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- [(32)] (33) "Remedy" means any remedial right to which an aggrieved party is entitled with or without resort to a tribunal.
- [(33)] (34) "Representative" means a person empowered to act for another, including an agent, an officer of a corporation or association, and a trustee, executor or administrator of an estate.
- 158 [(34)] (35) "Right" includes remedy.
- [(35)] (36) "Security interest" means an interest in personal property or fixtures which secures payment or performance of an obligation.

161 "Security interest" includes any interest of a consignor and a buyer of 162 accounts, chattel paper, a payment intangible or a promissory note in a 163 transaction that is subject to article 9, as amended by this act. "Security 164 interest" does not include the special property interest of a buyer of 165 goods on identification of such goods to a contract for sale under section 42a-2-401, but a buyer may also acquire a "security interest" by 166 167 complying with article 9, as amended by this act. Except as otherwise 168 provided in section 42a-2-505, the right of a seller or lessor of goods 169 under article 2 or 2A to retain or acquire possession of the goods is not 170 a "security interest", but a seller or lessor may also acquire a "security 171 interest" by complying with article 9, as amended by this act. The 172 retention or reservation of title by a seller of goods, notwithstanding 173 shipment or delivery to the buyer under section 42a-2-401, is limited in 174 effect to a reservation of a "security interest". Whether a transaction in 175 the form of a lease creates a "security interest" is determined pursuant 176 to section 42a-1-203.

- [(36)] (37) "Send" in connection with a [writing, record or notice] record or notifications means:
- (A) To deposit in the mail, [or] deliver for transmission or transmit by any other usual means of communication with postage or cost of transmission provided for, [and properly addressed and, in the case of an instrument, to an address specified thereon or otherwise agreed, or if there be none] addressed to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or
- (B) [In any other way to cause to be received any record or notice within the time it would have arrived if properly sent] To cause the record or notification to be received within the time it would have been received if properly sent under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.
- [(37) "Signed" includes using any symbol executed or adopted with present intention to adopt or accept a writing.]
- 191 (38) "Sign", "signed", "signing" or "signature" means, with present 192 intent to authenticate or adopt a record:

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- 193 (A) Execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- 194 (B) Attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic
- 195 <u>symbol, sound or process.</u>
- 196 [(38)] (39) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
- 197 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any territory
- or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
- [(39)] (40) "Surety" includes a guarantor or other secondary obligor.
- [(40)] (41) "Term" means a portion of an agreement that relates to a
- 201 particular matter.
- [(41)] (42) "Unauthorized signature" means a signature made without
- actual, implied, or apparent authority. The term includes a forgery.
- [(42)] (43) "Warehouse receipt" means a document of title issued by a
- 205 person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.
- [(43)] (44) "Written" or "writing" includes printing, typewriting or any
- other intentional reduction to tangible form.
- Sec. 2. Section 42a-1-204 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- Except as otherwise provided in articles 3, 4 and 5, and sections 86 to
- 211 <u>92, inclusive, of this act,</u> a person gives value for rights if the person
- 212 acquires them:
- 213 (1) In return for a binding commitment to extend credit or for the
- 214 extension of immediately available credit, whether or not drawn upon
- and whether or not a charge-back is provided for in the event of
- 216 difficulties in collection;
- 217 (2) As security for, or in total or partial satisfaction of, a preexisting
- 218 claim;
- 219 (3) By accepting delivery under a preexisting contract for purchase;

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- 221 (4) In return for any consideration sufficient to support a simple
- 222 contract.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 42a-1-301 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 225 1, 2026):
- 226 (b) Where one of the following provisions of this title specifies the
- 227 applicable law, that provision governs and a contrary agreement is
- 228 effective only to the extent permitted by the law, including the conflict
- of laws rules, so specified:
- T1 Rights of creditors sold goods. Section 42a-2-402, as amended by this
- T2 \underline{act} .
- T3 Applicability of the article on leases. Sections 42a-2A-105 and
- T4 42a-2A-106.
- T5 Applicability of the article on bank deposits and collections.
- T6 Section 42a-4-102.
- T7 Governing law in the article on funds transfers. Section 42a-4A-507.
- T8 Letters of credit. Section 42a-5-116, as amended by this act.
- T9 Applicability of the article on investment securities. Section 42a-8-110,
- T10 as amended by this act.
- T11 Law governing perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection
- T12 and the priority of security interests and agricultural liens.
- T13 Sections 42a-9-301 to 42a-9-307, inclusive, as amended by this act.
- T14 Law specifying the governing law for controllable electronic records.
- T15 Section 92 of this act.
- Sec. 4. Section 42a-1-306 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- A claim or right arising out of an alleged breach may be discharged
- in whole or in part without consideration by agreement of the aggrieved
- party in [an authenticated] a signed record.
- Sec. 5. Section 42a-2-102 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

[Unless the context otherwise requires, this article applies to 237 238 transactions in goods; it does not apply to any transaction which 239 although in the form of an unconditional contract to sell or present sale 240 is intended to operate only as a security transaction nor does this article 241 impair or repeal any statute regulating sales to consumers, farmers or 242 other specified classes of buyers.] 243 (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, and except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, this article applies to transactions in goods 244 and, in the case of a hybrid transaction, it applies to the extent provided 245 246 in subsection (b) of this section. 247 (b) In a hybrid transaction: (1) If the sale of goods aspects do not predominate, only the 248 249 provisions of this article which relate primarily to the sale of goods 250 aspects of the transaction apply, and the provisions that relate primarily to the transaction as a whole do not apply. 251 252 (2) If the sale of goods aspects predominate, this article applies to the 253 transaction but does not preclude application in appropriate 254 circumstances of other law to aspects of the transaction which do not 255 relate to the sale of goods. 256 (c) This article does not: 257 (1) Apply to a transaction that, even though in the form of an unconditional contract to sell or present sale, operates only to create a 258 259 security interest; or 260 (2) Impair or repeal a statute regulating sales to consumers, farmers or other specified classes of buyers. 261 262 Sec. 6. Section 42a-2-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the

following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

(1) In this article unless the context otherwise requires "contract" and

"agreement" are limited to those relating to the present or future sale of

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266 goods. "Contract for sale" includes both a present sale of goods and a

- 267 contract to sell goods at a future time. A "sale" consists in the passing of
- 268 title from the seller to the buyer for a price as provided by section 42a-
- 269 2-401. A "present sale" means a sale which is accomplished by the
- 270 making of the contract.
- 271 (2) Goods or conduct including any part of a performance are
- 272 "conforming" or conform to the contract when they are in accordance
- with the obligations under the contract.
- 274 (3) "Termination" occurs when either party pursuant to a power
- 275 created by agreement or law puts an end to the contract otherwise than
- for its breach. On "termination" all obligations which are still executory
- on both sides are discharged but any right based on prior breach or
- 278 performance survives.
- 279 (4) "Cancellation" occurs when either party puts an end to the
- 280 contract for breach by the other and its effect is the same as that of
- 281 "termination" except that the cancelling party also retains any remedy
- for breach of the whole contract or any unperformed balance.
- 283 (5) "Hybrid transaction" means a single transaction involving a sale
- 284 of goods and:
- 285 (a) The provision of services;
- (b) A lease of other goods; or
- 287 (c) A sale, lease or license of property other than goods.
- Sec. 7. Section 42a-2-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):
- 290 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a contract for the sale
- of goods for the price of five hundred dollars or more is not enforceable
- by way of action or defense unless there is [some writing] a record
- 293 sufficient to indicate that a contract for sale has been made between the
- 294 parties and signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought or

by his authorized agent or broker. A [writing] <u>record</u> is not insufficient because it omits or incorrectly states a term agreed upon but the contract is not enforceable under this [paragraph] <u>subsection</u> beyond the quantity of goods shown in [such writing] the record.

- (2) Between merchants if within a reasonable time a [writing] record in confirmation of the contract and sufficient against the sender is received and the party receiving it has reason to know its contents, it satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) of this section against [such] the party unless written notice in a record of objection to its contents is given within ten days after it is received.
- (3) A contract which does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section but which is valid in other respects is enforceable (a) if the goods are to be specially manufactured for the buyer and are not suitable for sale to others in the ordinary course of the seller's business and the seller, before notice of repudiation is received and under circumstances which reasonably indicate that the goods are for the buyer, has made either a substantial beginning of their manufacture or commitments for their procurement; or (b) if the party against whom enforcement is sought admits in [his] the party's pleading, testimony or otherwise in court that a contract for sale was made, but the contract is not enforceable under this provision beyond the quantity of goods admitted; or (c) with respect to goods for which payment has been made and accepted or which have been received and accepted as provided by section 42a-2-606.
- Sec. 8. Section 42a-2-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - Terms with respect to which the confirmatory memoranda of the parties agree or which are otherwise set forth in a [writing] record intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement with respect to such terms as are included therein may not be contradicted by evidence of any prior agreement or of a contemporaneous oral agreement but may be explained or supplemented (a) by course of performance, course of dealing or usage of trade as provided by section

328 42a-1-303; and (b) by evidence of consistent additional terms unless the

- court finds the [writing] <u>record</u> to have been intended also as a complete
- and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement.
- Sec. 9. Section 42a-2-203 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- The affixing of a seal to a [writing] record evidencing a contract for
- 334 sale or an offer to buy or sell goods does not constitute the [writing]
- 335 <u>record</u> a sealed instrument and the law with respect to sealed
- instruments does not apply to such a contract or offer.
- Sec. 10. Section 42a-2-205 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- An offer by a merchant to buy or sell goods in a signed [writing]
- record which by its terms gives assurance that it will be held open is not
- revocable, for lack of consideration, during the time stated or if no time
- is stated for a reasonable time, but in no event may such period of
- 343 irrevocability exceed three months; but any such term of assurance on a
- form supplied by the offeree must be separately signed by the offeror.
- Sec. 11. Subsection (2) of section 42a-2-209 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*)
- 347 1, 2026):
- 348 (2) A signed agreement which excludes modification or rescission
- 349 except by a signed writing or other signed record cannot be otherwise
- 350 modified or rescinded, but except as between merchants such a
- 351 requirement on a form supplied by the merchant must be separately
- 352 signed by the other party.
- Sec. 12. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 42a-2A-102 of the general
- 354 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 355 (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 356 (a) In this article:

- 357 (1) "Authenticate" means:
- 358 (A) To sign; or

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- 359 (B) To execute or otherwise adopt a symbol, or encrypt or similarly 360 process a record in whole or in part, with the present intent of the 361 authenticating person to identify the person and adopt or accept a 362 record.
- 363 (2) "Cancellation" means an act by either party which ends a lease contract because of a default by the other party.
- 365 (3) "Commercial unit" means a unit of goods which by commercial usage is a single whole for purposes of lease and whose division 367 materially impairs its character or value in the relevant market or in use. A commercial unit may be a single article, such as a machine; a set of 369 articles, such as a suite of furniture or a line of machinery; a quantity, 370 such as a gross or carload; or any other unit treated in use or in the 371 relevant market as a single whole.
 - (4) "Computer" means an electronic device that can perform substantial computations, including numerous arithmetic operations or logic operations, without human intervention during the computation or operation.
- 376 (5) "Conforming" goods or conduct under a lease contract means 377 goods or performance that are in accordance with the obligations under 378 the contract.
 - (6) "Conspicuous", with reference to a term, means so written, displayed or otherwise presented that a reasonable person against which it is to operate ought to have noticed it. A term in an electronic record intended to evoke a response by an electronic agent is conspicuous if it is presented in a form that would enable a reasonably configured electronic agent to take it into account or react without review of the record by an individual. Conspicuous terms include the following:

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- (i) A heading in capitals in a size equal to or greater than, or in contrasting type, font or color to, the surrounding text;
- (ii) Language in the body of a record or display in larger or other contrasting type, font or color or set off from the surrounding text by symbols or other marks that call attention to the language; and
- 393 (iii) A term prominently referenced in an electronic record or display 394 which is readily accessible and reviewable from the record or display; 395 and
- (B) With respect to a person or an electronic agent, a term or reference to a term that is so placed in a record or display that the person or electronic agent can not proceed without taking some action with respect to the term or reference.
 - (7) "Consumer" means an individual who leases or contracts to lease goods that, at the time of contracting, are intended by the individual to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Personal, family or household use does not include professional or commercial purposes, including agriculture, business management and investment management, other than management of the individual's personal or family investments.
 - (8) "Consumer lease" means a lease between a merchant lessor and a consumer.
- 409 (9) "Delivery" means the voluntary transfer of physical possession or control of goods.
- 411 (10) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, 412 digital, magnetic, wireless, optical or electromagnetic capabilities or 413 similar capabilities.
- 414 (11) "Electronic agent" means a computer program or electronic or 415 other automated means used to initiate an action or to respond to

electronic messages or performances without intervention by an individual at the time of the action or response.

- 418 (12) "Electronic message" means an electronic record or display 419 stored, generated or transmitted by electronic means for purposes of 420 communication to another person or electronic agent.
- 421 (13) "Electronic event" means an electronic authentication, message, 422 record or performance.
- 423 (14) "Finance lease" means a lease with respect to which:
- 424 (A) The lessor does not select, manufacture or supply the goods;
- (B) The lessor acquires the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods in connection with the lease or, in the case of goods that have been leased previously by the lessor and are not being leased to a consumer, in connection with another lease; and
- 429 (C) One of the following occurs:

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- (i) The lessee receives a copy of the agreement by which the lessor acquired, or proposes to acquire, the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods before authenticating the lease agreement;
 - (ii) The lessee's approval of the agreement or of the general contractual terms under which the lessor acquired or proposes to acquire the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods is a condition to the effectiveness of the lease contract;
 - (iii) The lessee, before authenticating the lease agreement, receives an accurate and complete statement designating the promises and warranties, and any disclaimers of warranties, limitations or modifications of remedies, or liquidated damages, including those of a third party, such as the manufacturer of the goods, provided to the lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as part of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods; or

(iv) If the lease is not a consumer lease, before the lessee authenticates the lease agreement, the lessor informs the lessee in writing:

- (I) Of the identity of the person supplying the goods to the lessor, unless the lessee has selected such person and directed the lessor to acquire the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods from such person;
- (II) That the lessee is entitled under this article to the promises and warranties, including those of any third party, provided to the lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as part of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods; and
 - (III) That the lessee may communicate with the person supplying the goods to the lessor and receive an accurate and complete statement of such promises and warranties, including any disclaimers and limitations of such promises and warranties, or a statement of remedies.
 - (15) "Goods" means all things that are movable at the time of identification to a lease contract or that are fixtures. The term includes the unborn young of animals. The term does not include money in which the rent is to be paid, the subject of foreign exchange transactions, documents, letters of credit, instruments, investment property, accounts, chattel paper or general intangibles, payment intangibles or minerals, or the like, including oil and gas, before extraction.
- 467 (16) "Hybrid lease" means a single transaction involving a lease of 468 goods and:
- 469 (A) The provision of services;

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- 470 (B) A sale of other goods; or
- 471 (C) A sale, lease or license of property other than goods.
- [(16)] (17) "Information processing system" means an electronic system for creating, generating, sending, receiving, storing, displaying

- 474 or processing information.
- [(17)] (18) "Lease" means the transfer of the right to possession and
- use of goods for a period in return for consideration. The term includes
- a sublease unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The term does
- 478 not include a sale, including a sale on approval or a sale or return, or
- 479 retention or creation of a security interest.
- 480 [(18)] (19) "Lease agreement" means the bargain, with respect to the
- lease, of the lessor and the lessee in fact as found in their language or
- 482 inferred from other circumstances, including course of performance,
- course of dealing, or usage of trade as provided in this article. The term
- 484 includes a sublease agreement unless the context clearly indicates
- 485 otherwise.
- 486 [(19)] (20) "Lease contract" means the total legal obligation resulting
- 487 from the lease agreement as affected by this article and other applicable
- law. The term includes a sublease contract unless the context clearly
- 489 indicates otherwise.
- 490 [(20)] (21) "Leasehold interest" means the interest of the lessor or the
- 491 lessee under a lease contract.
- 492 [(21)] (22) "Lessee" means a person that acquires the right to
- 493 possession and use of goods under a lease. The term includes a sublessee
- 494 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 495 [(22)] (23) "Lessee in ordinary course of business" means a person
- 496 that, in good faith and without knowledge that the person's lease is in
- 497 violation of ownership rights, a security interest or a leasehold interest
- of a third party in the goods, leases in the ordinary course from a person
- 499 in the business of selling or leasing goods of that kind for cash or by
- 500 exchange of other property or on secured or unsecured credit, including
- acquiring goods or documents of title under a preexisting lease contract,
- but not including a transfer in bulk, or as security for or in total or partial
- satisfaction of a money debt. The term does not include a pawnbroker.
- [(23)] (24) "Lessor" means a person that transfers the right to

possession and use of goods under a lease. The term includes a sublessor
 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- [(24)] (25) "Lessor's residual interest" means the lessor's interest in goods after expiration, termination or cancellation of a lease contract.
- [(25)] (26) "Lien" means a charge against or interest in goods to secure payment of a debt or performance of an obligation. The term does not include a security interest.
- [(26)] (27) "Lot" means a parcel or single article that is the subject matter of a separate lease or delivery, whether or not it is sufficient to perform the lease contract.
- [(27)] (28) "Merchant lessee" means a lessee that is a merchant with respect to goods of the kind subject to the lease.
- 517 [(28)] (29) "Present value" means the amount as of a date certain of 518 one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to the date certain. 519 In determining present value, the discount is determined by the interest 520 rate specified by the parties if the rate was not manifestly unreasonable 521 at the time the transaction was entered into. Otherwise, the discount is 522 determined by a commercially reasonable rate that takes into account 523 the facts and circumstances of each case at the time the transaction was 524 entered into.
- 525 [(29)] (30) "Receive" means:
- 526 (A) With respect to goods, to take delivery; or
- 527 (B) With respect to a notice:
- 528 (i) To come to a person's attention; or
- 529 (ii) To be delivered to and available at a location designated by 530 agreement for the purpose of notice, or, in the absence of an agreed 531 location:
- (I) To be delivered at the person's residence, or the person's place of

business through which the contract was made, or at any other place held out by the person as a place for the receipt of such notices; or

- (II) In the case of an electronic record, to come into existence in an information processing system in a form capable of being processed by or perceived from a system of that type, if the recipient uses, has designated or holds out that system as a place for the receipt of the notices.
- [(30)] (31) "Send" means, with any costs provided for and properly addressed or directed as reasonable under the circumstances or as otherwise agreed, to (A) deposit in the mail or with a commercially reasonable carrier, (B) deliver for transmission to or creation in another location or system, or (C) take the steps necessary to initiate transmission to or creation in another location or system. In addition, with respect to an electronic message, the term means to initiate operations that in the ordinary course will cause the record to come into existence in an information processing system in a form capable of being processed by or perceived from a system of that type by the recipient, if the recipient uses, has designated or holds out that system or address as a place for the receipt of communications of the kind. Receipt within the time in which it would have arrived if properly sent has the effect of a proper sending.
- [(31)] (32) "Sublease" means a lease of goods whose right to possession and use is acquired by the lessor as a lessee under an existing lease.
- [(32)] (33) "Supplier" means a person from which a lessor buys or leases goods to be leased under a finance lease.
- [(33)] (34) "Supply contract" means a contract under which a lessor buys or leases goods to be leased.
- [(34)] (35) "Termination" means the ending of a contract or a part thereof by an act by a party under a power created by agreement or law, or by operation of the terms of the agreement for a reason other than for

- a default by the other party.
- (b) The following definitions in other articles apply to this article:
- T16 "Account". Section [42a-9-102(a)(2)] 42a-9-102, as amended by this act.
- T17 "Between merchants". Section [42a-2-104(3)] <u>42a-2-104</u>.
- T18 "Buyer". Section [42a-2-103(1)(a)] <u>42a-2-103</u>.
- T19 "Chattel paper". Section [42a-9-102(a)(11)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by <u>this act</u>.
- T20 "Consumer goods". Section [42a-9-102(a)(23)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by this act.
- T21 "Document". Section [42a-9-102(a)(30)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by this act.
- T22 "Entrusting". Section [42a-2-403(3)] <u>42a-2-403</u>.
- T23 "General intangible". Section [42a-9-102(a)(42)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by this act.
- T24 "Instrument". Section [42a-9-102(a)(47)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by this act.
- T25 "Merchant". Section [42a-2-104(1)] <u>42a-2-104</u>.
- T26 "Mortgage". Section [42a-9-102(a)(55)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by this <u>act</u>.
- T27 "Pursuant to commitment". Section [42a-9-102(a)(69)] <u>42a-9-102</u>, as amended by this act.
- T28 "Sale". Section [42a-2-106(1)] <u>42a-2-106</u>, as amended by this act.
- T29 "Sale on approval". Section [42a-2-326(1)(a)] <u>42a-2-326</u>.
- T30 "Sale or return". Section [42a-2-326(1)(b)] <u>42a-2-326</u>.
- T31 "Seller". Section [42a-2-103(1)(c)] <u>42a-2-103</u>.
- Sec. 13. Section 42a-2A-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1*, 2026):
- 568 (1) This article applies to any transaction regardless of form which 569 creates a lease <u>and</u>, in the case of a hybrid lease, it applies to the extent 570 provided in subsection (2) of this section
- 570 provided in subsection (2) of this section.

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571	(2) In a hybrid lease:
572	(a) If the lease of goods aspects do not predominate:
573	(i) Only the provisions of this article which relate primarily to the
574	lease of goods aspects of the transaction apply, and the provisions that
575	relate primarily to the transaction as a whole do not apply;
576	(ii) Section 42a-2A-209 applies if the lease is a finance lease; and
577	(iii) Section 42a-2A-407 applies to the promises of the lessee in a
578	finance lease to the extent the promises are consideration for the right to
579	possession and use of the leased goods; and
580	(b) If the lease of goods aspects predominate, this article applies to
581	the transaction, but does not preclude application in appropriate
582	circumstances of other law to aspects of the lease which do not relate to
583	the lease of goods.
584	Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 42a-3-104 of the general statutes is
585	repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective January</i>
586	1, 2026):
587	(a) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section,
588	"negotiable instrument" means an unconditional promise or order to
589	pay a fixed amount of money, with or without interest or other charges
590	described in the promise or order, if it:
591	(1) Is payable to bearer or to order at the time it is issued or first comes
592	into possession of a holder;
593	(2) Is payable on demand or at a definite time; and
594	(3) Does not state any other undertaking or instruction by the person
595	promising or ordering payment to do any act in addition to the payment
596	of money, but the promise or order may contain (i) an undertaking or
596	of money, but the promise or order may contain (i) an undertaking or

power to give, maintain, or protect collateral to secure payment, (ii) an

authorization or power to the holder to confess judgment or realize on or dispose of collateral, [or] (iii) a waiver of the benefit of any law

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600 intended for the advantage or protection of an obligor, (iv) a term that

- 601 specifies the law that governs the promise or order, or (v) an
- 602 <u>undertaking to resolve in a specified forum a dispute concerning the</u>
- 603 promise or order.
- Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 42a-3-105 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 606 1, 2026):
- 607 (a) "Issue" means:
- [the] (1) The first delivery of an instrument by the maker or drawer,
- 609 whether to a holder or nonholder, for the purpose of giving rights on
- 610 the instrument to any person; or
- 611 (2) If agreed by the payee, the first transmission by the drawer to the
- 612 payee of an image of an item and information derived from the item that
- enables the depositary bank to collect the item by transferring or
- 614 presenting under federal law an electronic check.
- Sec. 16. Section 42a-3-401 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 616 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- [(a)] A person is not liable on an instrument unless (i) the person
- 618 signed the instrument, or (ii) the person is represented by an agent or
- 619 representative who signed the instrument and the signature is binding
- on the represented person under section 42a-3-402.
- [(b) A signature may be made (i) manually or by means of a device or
- machine, and (ii) by the use of any name, including a trade or assumed
- 623 name, or by a word, mark, or symbol executed or adopted by a person
- with present intention to authenticate a writing.]
- 625 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 42a-3-604 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 627 1, 2026):
- 628 (a) A person entitled to enforce an instrument, with or without

629 consideration, may discharge the obligation of a party to pay the 630 instrument (i) by an intentional voluntary act, such as surrender of the instrument to the party, destruction, mutilation, or cancellation of the 632 instrument, cancellation or striking out of the party's signature, or the 633 addition of words to the instrument indicating discharge, or (ii) by 634 agreeing not to sue or otherwise renouncing rights against the party by 635 a signed writing. The obligation of a party to pay a check is not discharged solely by destruction of the check in connection with a 636 637 process in which information is extracted from the check and an image 638 of the check is made and, subsequently, the information and image are 639 transmitted for payment.

- 640 Sec. 18. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-4a-103 of the 641 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 642 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - (1) "Payment order" means an instruction of a sender to a receiving bank, transmitted orally [, electronically, or in writing,] or in a record to pay, or to cause another bank to pay, a fixed or determinable amount of money to a beneficiary if: (i) The instruction does not state a condition to payment to the beneficiary other than time of payment, (ii) the receiving bank is to be reimbursed by debiting an account of, or otherwise receiving payment from, the sender, and (iii) the instruction is transmitted by the sender directly to the receiving bank or to an agent, funds-transfer system, or communication system for transmittal to the receiving bank.
- 653 Sec. 19. Section 42a-4A-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the 654 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

"Security procedure" means a procedure established by agreement of a customer and a receiving bank for the purpose of (i) verifying that a payment order or communication amending or cancelling a payment order is that of the customer, or (ii) detecting error in the transmission or the content of the payment order or communication. A security procedure may impose an obligation on the receiving bank or the customer and may require the use of algorithms or other codes,

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identifying words or numbers, <u>symbols</u>, <u>sounds</u>, <u>biometrics</u>, encryption, callback procedures, or similar security devices. Comparison of a signature on a payment order or communication with an authorized specimen signature of the customer <u>or requiring a payment order to be sent from a known electronic mail address</u>, <u>Internet protocol address or telephone number is not by itself a security procedure</u>.

- Sec. 20. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 42a-4a-202 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (b) If a bank and its customer have agreed that the authenticity of payment orders issued to the bank in the name of the customer as sender will be verified pursuant to a security procedure, a payment order received by the receiving bank is effective as the order of the customer, whether or not authorized, if (i) the security procedure is a commercially reasonable method of providing security against unauthorized payment orders, and (ii) the bank proves that it accepted the payment order in good faith and in compliance with the bank's obligations under the security procedure and any [written] agreement or instruction of the customer, evidenced by a record, restricting acceptance of payment orders issued in the name of the customer. The bank is not required to follow an instruction that violates [a written] an agreement with the customer, evidenced by a record, or notice of which is not received at a time and in a manner affording the bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it before the payment order is accepted.
- (c) Commercial reasonableness of a security procedure is a question of law to be determined by considering the wishes of the customer expressed to the bank, the circumstances of the customer known to the bank, including the size, type, and frequency of payment orders normally issued by the customer to the bank, alternative security procedures offered to the customer, and security procedures in general use by customers and receiving banks similarly situated. A security procedure is deemed to be commercially reasonable if (i) the security procedure was chosen by the customer after the bank offered, and the

customer refused, a security procedure that was commercially reasonable for that customer, and (ii) the customer expressly agreed in [writing] a record to be bound by any payment order, whether or not authorized, issued in its name and accepted by the bank in compliance with the bank's obligations under the security procedure chosen by the customer.

- Sec. 21. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-4a-203 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 704 (1) By express [written] agreement <u>evidenced by a record</u>, the 705 receiving bank may limit the extent to which it is entitled to enforce or 706 retain payment of the payment order.
- Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 42a-4A-207 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):
- (c) If (i) a payment order described in subsection (b) of this section is accepted, (ii) the originator's payment order described the beneficiary inconsistently by name and number, and (iii) the beneficiary's bank pays the person identified by number as permitted by subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, the following rules apply:
- 715 (1) If the originator is a bank, the originator is obliged to pay its order.
 - (2) If the originator is not a bank and proves that the person identified by number was not entitled to receive payment from the originator, the originator is not obliged to pay its order unless the originator's bank proves that the originator, before acceptance of the originator's order, had notice that payment of a payment order issued by the originator might be made by the beneficiary's bank on the basis of an identifying or bank account number even if it identifies a person different from the named beneficiary. Proof of notice may be made by any admissible evidence. The originator's bank satisfies the burden of proof if it proves that the originator, before the payment order was accepted, signed a

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[writing] <u>record</u> stating the information to which the notice relates.

- Sec. 23. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 42A-4A-208 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 730 (2) If the sender is not a bank and the receiving bank proves that the 731 sender, before the payment order was accepted, had notice that the 732 receiving bank might rely on the number as the proper identification of 733 the intermediary or beneficiary's bank even if it identifies a person different from the bank identified by name, the rights and obligations of 734 735 the sender and the receiving bank are governed by [subsection (b)(1)] 736 subdivision (1) of this subsection, as though the sender were a bank. 737 Proof of notice may be made by any admissible evidence. The receiving 738 bank satisfies the burden of proof if it proves that the sender, before the 739 payment order was accepted, signed a [writing] record stating the 740 information to which the notice relates.
- Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 42a-4a-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):
 - (a) A payment order is rejected by the receiving bank by a notice of rejection transmitted to the sender orally [, electronically,] or in [writing] a record. A notice of rejection need not use any particular words and is sufficient if it indicates that the receiving bank is rejecting the order or will not execute or pay the order. Rejection is effective when the notice is given if transmission is by a means that is reasonable in the circumstances. If notice of rejection is given by a means that is not reasonable, rejection is effective when the notice is received. If an agreement of the sender and receiving bank establishes the means to be used to reject a payment order, (i) any means complying with the agreement is reasonable and (ii) any means not complying is not reasonable unless no significant delay in receipt of the notice resulted from the use of the noncomplying means.
 - Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 42a-4a-211 of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):

- (a) A communication of the sender of a payment order cancelling or amending the order may be transmitted to the receiving bank orally [, electronically,] or in [writing] a record. If a security procedure is in effect between the sender and the receiving bank, the communication is not effective to cancel or amend the order unless the communication is verified pursuant to the security procedure or the bank agrees to the cancellation or amendment.
- Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 42a-4a-305 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (c) In addition to the amounts payable under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, damages, including consequential damages, are recoverable to the extent provided in an express [written] agreement of the receiving bank, evidenced by a record.
 - (d) If a receiving bank fails to execute a payment order it was obliged by express agreement to execute, the receiving bank is liable to the sender for its expenses in the transaction and for incidental expenses and interest losses resulting from the failure to execute. Additional damages, including consequential damages, are recoverable to the extent provided in an express [written] agreement of the receiving bank, evidenced by a record, but are not otherwise recoverable.
- Sec. 27. Section 42a-5-104 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - A letter of credit, confirmation, advice, transfer, amendment or cancellation may be issued in any form that is a <u>signed</u> record. [and is authenticated (i) by a signature, or (ii) in accordance with the agreement of the parties or the standard practice referred to in subsection (e) of section 42a-5-108.]
- Sec. 28. Section 42a-5-116 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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789 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

- (a) The liability of an issuer, nominated person or adviser for action or omission is governed by the law of the jurisdiction chosen by an agreement in the form of a record signed [or otherwise authenticated] by the affected parties [in the manner provided in section 42a-5-104] or by a provision in the person's letter of credit, confirmation or other undertaking. The jurisdiction whose law is chosen need not bear any relation to the transaction.
- (b) Unless subsection (a) of this section applies, the liability of an issuer, nominated person or adviser for action or omission is governed by the law of the jurisdiction in which the person is located. The person is considered to be located at the address indicated in the person's undertaking. If more than one address is indicated, the person is considered to be located at the address from which the person's undertaking was issued.
- (c) For the purpose of jurisdiction, choice of law and recognition of interbranch letters of credit, but not enforcement of a judgment, all branches of a bank are considered separate juridical entities and a bank is considered to be located at the place where its relevant branch is considered to be located [under this subsection] as provided in subsection (d) of this section.
- (d) A branch of a bank is considered to be located at the address indicated in the branch's undertaking. If more than one address is indicated, the branch is considered to be located at the address from which the undertaking was issued.
- [(c)] (e) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the liability of an issuer, nominated person or adviser is governed by any rules of custom or practice, such as the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, to which the letter of credit, confirmation or other undertaking is expressly made subject. If (i) this article would govern the liability of an issuer, nominated person or adviser under subsection (a) or (b) of this section, (ii) the relevant undertaking incorporates rules

821 of custom or practice, and (iii) there is conflict between this article and

- those rules as applied to that undertaking, those rules govern except to
- 823 the extent of any conflict with the nonvariable provisions specified in
- 824 subsection (c) of section 42a-5-103.
- [(d)] (f) If there is conflict between this article and article 3, 4, 4a or 9,
- 826 <u>as amended by this act,</u> this article governs.
- [(e)] (g) The forum for settling disputes arising out of an undertaking
- within this article may be chosen in the manner and with the binding
- 829 effect that governing law may be chosen in accordance with subsection
- 830 (a) of this section.
- Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 42a-7-102 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 833 1, 2026):
- (a) In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 835 (1) "Bailee" means a person that by a warehouse receipt, bill of lading
- 836 or other document of title acknowledges possession of goods and
- 837 contracts to deliver them.
- (2) "Carrier" means a person that issues a bill of lading.
- (3) "Consignee" means a person named in a bill of lading to which or
- 840 to whose order the bill promises delivery.
- (4) "Consignor" means a person named in a bill of lading as the person
- from which the goods have been received for shipment.
- (5) "Delivery order" means a record that contains an order to deliver
- 844 goods directed to a warehouse, carrier or other person that in the
- ordinary course of business issues warehouse receipts or bills of lading.
- 846 (6) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of
- reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.
- 848 (7) "Goods" means all things that are treated as movable for the

- 849 purposes of a contract for storage or transportation.
- (8) "Issuer" means a bailee that issues a document of title or, in the case of an unaccepted delivery order, the person that orders the possessor of goods to deliver. The term includes a person for which an agent or employee purports to act in issuing a document if the agent or employee has real or apparent authority to issue documents, even if the issuer did not receive any goods, the goods were misdescribed, or in any other respect the agent or employee violated the issuer's instructions.
- (9) "Person entitled under the document" means the holder, in the case of a negotiable document of title, or the person to which delivery of the goods is to be made by the terms of, or pursuant to instructions in a record under, a nonnegotiable document of title.
- [(10) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- 864 (11) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:
- (A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- (B) To attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic sound, symbol or process.]
- [(12)] (10) "Shipper" means a person that enters into a contract of transportation with a carrier.
- [(13)] (11) "Warehouse" means a person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.
- Sec. 30. Section 42a-7-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 875 (a) A person has control of an electronic document of title if a system 876 employed for evidencing the transfer of interests in the electronic 877 document reliably establishes that person as the person to which the

878 electronic document was issued or transferred.

(b) A system satisfies subsection (a) of this section, and a person [is deemed to have] <u>has</u> control of an electronic document of title, if the document is created, stored and [assigned in such] <u>transferred in</u> a manner that:

- 883 (1) A single authoritative copy of the document exists which is 884 unique, identifiable and, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions 885 (4), (5) and (6) of this subsection, unalterable;
- 886 (2) The authoritative copy identifies the person asserting control as:
- (A) The person to which the document was issued; or
- (B) If the authoritative copy indicates that the document has been transferred, the person to which the document was most recently transferred;
- (3) The authoritative copy is communicated to and maintained by the person asserting control or its designated custodian;
 - (4) Copies or amendments that add or change an identified [assignee] <u>transferee</u> of the authoritative copy can be made only with the consent of the person asserting control;
- (5) Each copy of the authoritative copy and any copy of a copy is readily identifiable as a copy that is not the authoritative copy; and
- 898 (6) Any amendment of the authoritative copy is readily identifiable as authorized or unauthorized.
- (c) A system satisfies subsection (a) of this section, and a person has
 control of an electronic document of title, if an authoritative electronic
 copy of the document, a record attached to or logically associated with
 the electronic copy or a system in which the electronic copy is recorded:
- 904 (1) Enables the person readily to identify each electronic copy as 905 either an authoritative copy or a nonauthoritative copy;

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906	(2) Enables the person readily to identify itself in any way, including
907	by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office or account
908	number, as the person to which each authoritative electronic copy was
909	issued or transferred; and
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910	(3) Gives the person exclusive power, subject to subsection (d) of this
911	section, to:
912	(A) Prevent others from adding or changing the person to which each
913	authoritative electronic copy has been issued or transferred; and
914	(B) Transfer control of each authoritative electronic copy.
915	(d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, a power is exclusive under
916	subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this
917	section even if:
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918	(1) The authoritative electronic copy, a record attached to or logically
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921	document of title or has a protocol that is programmed to cause a
922	change, including a transfer or loss of control; or
923	(2) The power is shared with another person.
924	(e) A power of a person is not shared with another person under
925	subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section and the person's power
926	is not exclusive if: (1) The person can exercise the power only if the
927	power also is exercised by the other person; and (2) the other person:
928	(A) Can exercise the power without exercise of the power by the
929	person; or
930	(B) Is the transferor to the person of an interest in the document of
931	<u>title.</u>
932	(f) If a person has the powers specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B)
933	of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section, the powers are
934	presumed to be exclusive.
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935 (g) A person has control of an electronic document of title if another 936 person, other than the transferor to the person of an interest in the 937 document: 938 (1) Has control of the document and acknowledges that it has control 939 on behalf of the person; or 940 (2) Obtains control of the document after having acknowledged that 941 it will obtain control of the document on behalf of the person. 942 (h) A person that has control under this section is not required to 943 acknowledge that it has control on behalf of another person. 944 (i) If a person acknowledges that it has or will obtain control on behalf of another person, unless the person otherwise agrees or law other than 945 946 this article or article 9, as amended by this act, otherwise provides, the 947 person does not owe any duty to the other person and is not required to 948 confirm the acknowledgment to any other person. 949 Sec. 31. Section 42a-8-102 of the general statutes is repealed and the 950 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 951 (a) In this article: 952 (1) "Adverse claim" means a claim that a claimant has a property 953 interest in a financial asset and that it is a violation of the rights of the 954 claimant for another person to hold, transfer or deal with the financial 955 asset. 956 (2) "Bearer form", as applied to a certificated security, means a form 957 in which the security is payable to the bearer of the security certificate 958 according to its terms but not by reason of an endorsement. 959 (3) "Broker" means a person defined as a broker or dealer under the 960 federal securities laws, but without excluding a bank acting in that 961 capacity. 962 (4) "Certificated security" means a security that is represented by a

certificate.

- 964 (5) "Clearing corporation" means:
- 965 (A) A person that is registered as a "clearing agency" under the federal securities laws;
- 967 (B) A federal reserve bank; or
- 968 (C) Any other person that provides clearance or settlement services 969 with respect to financial assets that would require it to register as a 970 clearing agency under the federal securities laws but for an exclusion or 971 exemption from the registration requirement, if its activities as a 972 clearing corporation, including promulgation of rules, are subject to 973 regulation by a federal or state governmental authority.
- 974 (6) "Communicate" means to:

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- 975 (A) Send a signed [writing] record; or
- 976 (B) Transmit information by any mechanism agreed upon by the persons transmitting and receiving the information.
 - (7) "Endorsement" means a signature that alone or accompanied by other words is made on a security certificate in registered form or on a separate document for the purpose of assigning, transferring or redeeming the security or granting a power to assign, transfer or redeem it.
- 983 (8) "Entitlement holder" means a person identified in the records of a 984 securities intermediary as the person having a security entitlement 985 against the securities intermediary. If a person acquires a security 986 entitlement by virtue of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of section 987 42a-8-501, that person is the entitlement holder.
- 988 (9) "Entitlement order" means a notification communicated to a 989 securities intermediary directing transfer or redemption of a financial 990 asset to which the entitlement holder has a security entitlement.
 - (10) "Financial asset", except as otherwise provided in section 42a-8-103, as amended by this act, means: (A) A security; (B) an obligation of

a person or a share, participation or other interest in a person or in property or an enterprise of a person, which is, or is of a type, dealt in or traded on financial markets, or which is recognized in any area in which it is issued or dealt in as a medium for investment; or (C) any property that is held by a securities intermediary for another person in a securities account if the securities intermediary has expressly agreed with the other person that the property is to be treated as a financial asset under this article. As context requires, the term means either the interest itself or the means by which a person's claim to it is evidenced, including a certificated or uncertificated security, a security certificate, or a security entitlement.

- 1004 (11) "Instruction" means a notification communicated to the issuer of 1005 an uncertificated security which directs that the transfer of the security 1006 be registered or that the security be redeemed.
- 1007 (12) "Registered form", as applied to a certificated security, means a 1008 form in which:
- 1009 (A) The security certificate specifies a person entitled to the security; 1010 and
- 1011 (B) A transfer of the security may be registered upon books 1012 maintained for that purpose by or on behalf of the issuer, or the security 1013 certificate so states.
- 1014 (13) "Securities intermediary" means:
- 1015 (A) A clearing corporation; or

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- 1016 (B) A person, including a bank or broker, that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity.
- 1019 (14) "Security", except as otherwise provided in section 42a-8-103, as
 1020 amended by this act, means an obligation of an issuer or a share,
 1021 participation, or other interest in an issuer or in property or an
 1022 enterprise of an issuer:

1023 (A) Which is represented by a security certificate in bearer or 1024 registered form, or the transfer of which may be registered upon books 1025 maintained for that purpose by or on behalf of the issuer;

- 1026 (B) Which is one of a class or series or by its terms is divisible into a class or series of shares, participations, interests or obligations; and
- 1028 (C) Which:
- 1029 (i) Is, or is of a type, dealt in or traded on securities exchanges or securities markets; or
- 1031 (ii) Is a medium for investment and by its terms expressly provides 1032 that it is a security governed by this article.
- 1033 (15) "Security certificate" means a certificate representing a security.
- 1034 (16) "Security entitlement" means the rights and property interest of 1035 an entitlement holder with respect to a financial asset specified in part 1036 5.
- 1037 (17) "Uncertificated security" means a security that is not represented by a certificate.
- 1039 (b) [Other] <u>The following</u> definitions [applying to] <u>apply in</u> this article and [the sections in which they appear are] <u>other articles apply to</u> this article:
 - T32 "Appropriate person". Section 42a-8-107.
 - T33 "Control". Section 42a-8-106, as amended by this act.
 - T34 "Controllable account". Section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act.
 - T35 "Controllable electronic record". Section 87 of this act.
 - T36 <u>"Controllable payment intangible". Section 42a-9-102, as amended by</u> this act.
 - T37 "Delivery". Section 42a-8-301.
 - T38 "Investment company security". Section 42a-8-103, as amended by this act.
 - T39 "Issuer". Section 42a-8-201.
 - T40 "Overissue". Section 42a-8-210.
 - T41 "Protected purchaser". Section 42a-8-303, as amended by this act.

T42 "Securities account". Section 42a-8-501.

- 1042 (c) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this article.
- 1044 (d) The characterization of a person, business or transaction for purposes of this article does not determine the characterization of the person, business or transaction for purposes of any other law, regulation or rule.
- Sec. 32. Section 42a-8-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (a) A share or similar equity interest issued by a corporation, businesstrust, joint stock company or similar entity is a security.
 - (b) An "investment company security" is a security. "Investment company security" means a share or similar equity interest issued by an entity that is registered as an investment company under the federal investment company laws, in interest in a unit investment trust that is so registered, or face-amount certificate issued by a face-amount certificate company that is so registered. Investment company security does not include an insurance policy or endowment policy or annuity contract issued by an insurance company.
 - (c) An interest in a partnership or limited liability company is not a security unless it is dealt in or traded on securities exchanges or in securities markets, its terms expressly provide that it is a security governed by this article or it is an investment company security. However, an interest in a partnership or limited liability company is a financial asset if it is held in a securities account.
 - (d) A writing that is a security certificate is governed by this article and not by article 3, even though it also meets the requirements of that article. However, a negotiable instrument governed by article 3 is a financial asset if it is held in a securities account.
- (e) An option or similar obligation issued by a clearing corporation to

- its participants is not a security, but is a financial asset.
- 1072 (f) A commodity contract, as defined in section [42a-9-102(a)(15)] 42a-
- 1073 <u>9-102</u>, as amended by this act, is not a security or a financial asset.
- 1074 (g) A document of title is not a financial asset unless subdivision
- 1075 [(10)(iii)] (10)(C) of subsection (a) of section 42a-8-102, as amended by
- this act, applies.
- 1077 (h) A controllable account, controllable electronic record or
- 1078 controllable payment intangible is not a financial asset unless
- subdivision (10)(C) of subsection (a) of section 42a-8-102, as amended
- 1080 by this act, applies.
- Sec. 33. Section 42a-8-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (a) A purchaser has "control" of a certificated security in bearer form
- if the certificated security is delivered to the purchaser.
- 1085 (b) A purchaser has "control" of a certificated security in registered
- 1086 form if the certificated security is delivered to the purchaser, and:
- 1087 (1) The certificate is endorsed to the purchaser or in blank by an
- 1088 effective endorsement; or
- 1089 (2) The certificate is registered in the name of the purchaser, upon
- original issue or registration of transfer by the issuer.
- 1091 (c) A purchaser has "control" of an uncertificated security if:
- (1) The uncertificated security is delivered to the purchaser; or
- 1093 (2) The issuer has agreed that it will comply with instructions
- originated by the purchaser without further consent by the registered
- 1095 owner.
- (d) A purchaser has "control" of a security entitlement if:
- 1097 (1) The purchaser becomes the entitlement holder;

1098 (2) The securities intermediary has agreed that it will comply with 1099 entitlement orders originated by the purchaser without further consent 1100 by the entitlement holder; or

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- (3) [Another person has control of the security entitlement on behalf of the purchaser or, having previously acquired control of the security entitlement, acknowledges that it has control on behalf of the purchaser.] Another person, other than the transferor to the purchaser of an interest in the security entitlement:
- 1106 (A) Has control of the security entitlement and acknowledges that it
 1107 has control on behalf of the purchaser; or
- 1108 <u>(B) Obtains control of the security entitlement after having</u> 1109 <u>acknowledged that it will obtain control of the security entitlement on</u> 1110 <u>behalf of the purchaser.</u>
- 1111 (e) If an interest in a security entitlement is granted by the entitlement 1112 holder to the entitlement holder's own securities intermediary, the 1113 securities intermediary has control.
 - (f) A purchaser who has satisfied the requirements of subsection (c) or (d) of this section has control, even if the registered owner in the case of subsection (c) of this section or the entitlement holder in the case of subsection (d) of this section retains the right to make substitutions for the uncertificated security or security entitlement, to originate instructions or entitlement orders to the issuer or securities intermediary, or otherwise to deal with the uncertificated security or security entitlement.
 - (g) An issuer or a securities intermediary may not enter into an agreement of the kind described in [subsection (c)(2) or (d)(2)] subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section or subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section without the consent of the registered owner or entitlement holder, but an issuer or a securities intermediary is not required to enter into such an agreement even though the registered owner or entitlement holder so directs. An issuer or securities

1129 intermediary that has entered into such an agreement is not required to 1130 confirm the existence of the agreement to another party unless 1131 requested to do so by the registered owner or entitlement holder. 1132 (h) A person that has control under this section is not required to 1133 acknowledge that it has control on behalf of a purchaser. 1134 (i) If a person acknowledges that it has or will obtain control on behalf 1135 of a purchaser, unless the person otherwise agrees or law other than this 1136 article or article 9, as amended by this act, otherwise provides, the 1137 person does not owe any duty to the purchaser and is not required to 1138 confirm the acknowledgment to any other person. 1139 Sec. 34. Section 42a-8-110 of the general statutes is amended by 1140 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 1141 (NEW) (g) The local law of the issuer's jurisdiction or the securities 1142 intermediary's jurisdiction governs a matter or transaction specified in 1143 subsection (a) or (b) of this section even if the matter or transaction does 1144 not bear any relation to the jurisdiction. 1145 Sec. 35. Section 42a-8-303 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 1147 (a) "Protected purchaser" means a purchaser of a certificated or 1148 uncertificated security, or of an interest therein, who: 1149 (1) Gives value; 1150 (2) Does not have notice of any adverse claim to the security; and 1151 (3) Obtains control of the certificated or uncertificated security. 1152 (b) [In addition to acquiring the rights of a purchaser, a] A protected 1153 purchaser [also] acquires its interest in the security free of any adverse 1154 claim.

Sec. 36. Section 42a-9-102 of the general statutes is repealed and the

following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

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- 1157 (a) In this article:
- 1158 (1) "Accession" means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that the identity of the original goods is not lost.
- 1160 (2) "Account", except as used in "account for", "account statement", 1161 "account to", "commodity account" as provided in subdivision (14) of 1162 this subsection, "customer's account", "deposit account" as provided in 1163 subdivision (29) of this subsection, "on account of" and "statement of 1164 account", means a right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether 1165 or not earned by performance, (i) for property that has been or is to be sold, leased, licensed, assigned or otherwise disposed of, (ii) for services 1166 1167 rendered or to be rendered, (iii) for a policy of insurance issued or to be 1168 issued, (iv) for a secondary obligation incurred or to be incurred, (v) for 1169 energy provided or to be provided, (vi) for the use or hire of a vessel 1170 under a charter or other contract, (vii) arising out of the use of a credit 1171 or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card, or 1172 (viii) as winnings in a lottery or other game of chance operated or 1173 sponsored by a state, governmental unit of a state or person licensed or 1174 authorized to operate the game by a state or governmental unit of a 1175 state. The term includes controllable accounts and health-care-insurance 1176 receivables. The term does not include (i) [rights to payment evidenced 1177 by chattel paper or an instrument] chattel paper, (ii) commercial tort 1178 claims, (iii) deposit accounts, (iv) investment property, (v) letter-of-1179 credit rights or letters of credit, [or] (vi) rights to payment for money or 1180 funds advanced or sold, other than rights arising out of the use of a 1181 credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the 1182 card, or (vii) rights to payment evidenced by an instrument.
 - (3) "Account debtor" means a person obligated on an account, chattel paper or general intangible. The term does not include persons obligated to pay a negotiable instrument, even if the <u>negotiable</u> instrument [constitutes part of] <u>evidences</u> chattel paper.
- 1187 (4) "Accounting", except as used in "accounting for", means a record:
- 1188 (A) [Authenticated] <u>Signed</u> by a secured party;

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1189	(B) Indicating the aggregate unpaid secured obligations as of a date
1190	not more than thirty-five days earlier or thirty-five days later than the
1191	date of the record; and
1192	(C) Identifying the components of the obligations in reasonable
1193	detail.
1194	(5) "Agricultural lien" means an interest, other than a security interest,
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1196	(A) Which secures payment or performance of an obligation for:
1197	(i) Goods or services furnished in connection with a debtor's farming
1198	operation; or
1199	(ii) Rent on real property leased by a debtor in connection with its
1200	farming operation;
1201	(B) Which is created by statute in favor of a person that:
1202	(i) In the ordinary course of its business furnished goods or services
1203	to a debtor in connection with a debtor's farming operation; or
1204	(ii) Leased real property to a debtor in connection with the debtor's
1205	farming operation; and
1206	(C) Whose effectiveness does not depend on the person's possession
1207	of the personal property.
1208	(6) "As-extracted collateral" means:
1209	(A) Oil, gas or other minerals that are subject to a security interest
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1211	(i) Is created by a debtor having an interest in the minerals before
1212	extraction; and
1213	(ii) Attaches to the minerals as extracted; or
1214	(B) Accounts arising out of the sale at the wellhead or minehead of

oil, gas or other minerals in which the debtor had an interest before extraction.

- 1217 [(7) "Authenticate" means:
- 1218 (A) To sign; or
- 1219 (B) With present intent to adopt or accept a record, to attach to or
- 1220 logically associate with the record an electronic sound, symbol or
- 1221 process.]
- 1222 (7) "Assignee, except as used in "assignee for benefit of creditors",
- means a person (i) in whose favor a security interest that secures an
- 1224 obligation is created or provided for under a security agreement,
- whether or not the obligation is outstanding, or (ii) to which an account,
- chattel paper, payment intangible or promissory note has been sold. The
- 1227 <u>term includes a person to which a security interest has been transferred</u>
- by a secured party.
- 1229 (8) "Assignor" means a person that (i) under a security agreement
- 1230 creates or provides for a security interest that secures an obligation, or
- 1231 (ii) sells an account, chattel paper, payment intangible or promissory
- 1232 note. The term includes a secured party that has transferred a security
- interest to another person.
- [(8)] (9) "Bank" means an organization that is engaged in the business
- 1235 of banking. The term includes savings banks, savings and loan
- 1236 associations, credit unions and trust companies.
- [(9)] (10) "Cash proceeds" means proceeds that are money, checks,
- 1238 deposit accounts or the like.
- 1239 [(10)] (11) "Certificate of title" means a certificate of title with respect
- 1240 to which a statute provides for the security interest in question to be
- 1241 indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security
- interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect
- 1243 to the collateral. The term includes another record maintained as an
- alternative to a certificate of title by the governmental unit that issues

certificates of title if a statute permits the security interest in question to be indicated on the record as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral.

[(11)] (12) "Chattel paper" means: [a record or records that evidence both a monetary obligation and a security interest in specific goods, a security interest in specific goods and software used in the goods, a security interest in specific goods and license of software used in the goods, a lease of specific goods, or a lease of specific goods and license of software used in the goods. In this subdivision, "monetary obligation" means a monetary obligation secured by the goods or owed under a lease of the goods and includes a monetary obligation with respect to software used in the goods. The term does not include (i) charters or other contracts involving the use or hire of a vessel, or (ii) records that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card. If a transaction is evidenced by records that include an instrument or series of instruments, the group of records taken together constitutes chattel paper.]

(A) A right to payment of a monetary obligation secured by specific goods, if the right to payment and security agreement are evidenced by a record; or

(B) A right to payment of a monetary obligation owed by a lessee under a lease agreement with respect to specific goods and a monetary obligation owed by the lessee in connection with the transaction giving rise to the lease, if: (i) The right to payment and lease agreement are evidenced by a record; and (ii) the predominant purpose of the transaction giving rise to the lease was to give the lessee the right to possession and use of the goods. The term does not include a right to payment arising out of a charter or other contract involving the use or hire of a vessel or a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.

1277 [(12)] (13) "Collateral" means the property subject to a security

- interest or agricultural lien. The term includes:
- 1279 (A) Proceeds to which a security interest attaches;
- 1280 (B) Accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles and promissory 1281 notes that have been sold; and
- 1282 (C) Goods that are the subject of a consignment.
- [(13)] (14) "Commercial tort claim" means a claim arising in tort with respect to which:
- 1285 (A) The claimant is an organization; or
- 1286 (B) The claimant is an individual and the claim:
- (i) Arose in the course of the claimant's business or profession; and
- 1288 (ii) Does not include damages arising out of personal injury to or the 1289 death of an individual.
- [(14)] (15) "Commodity account" means an account maintained by a commodity intermediary in which a commodity contract is carried for a commodity customer.
- [(15)] (16) "Commodity contract" means a commodity futures contract, an option on a commodity futures contract, a commodity option or another contract if the contract or option is:
- (A) Traded on or subject to the rules of a board of trade that has been designated as a contract market for such a contract pursuant to federal commodities laws; or
- 1299 (B) Traded on a foreign commodity board of trade, exchange or 1300 market, and is carried on the books of a commodity intermediary for a commodity customer.
- [(16)] (17) "Commodity customer" means a person for which a commodity intermediary carries a commodity contract on its books.

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sHB6970 1304 [(17)] (18) "Commodity intermediary" means a person that: 1305 (A) Is registered as a futures commission merchant under federal 1306 commodities law; or 1307 (B) In the ordinary course of its business provides clearance or 1308 settlement services for a board of trade that has been designated as a 1309 contract market pursuant to federal commodities law. 1310 [(18)] (19) "Communicate" means: 1311 (A) To send a written or other tangible record; 1312 (B) To transmit a record by any means agreed upon by the persons 1313 sending and receiving the record; or 1314 (C) In the case of transmission of a record to or by a filing office, to 1315 transmit a record by any means prescribed by filing-office regulation. 1316 [(19)] (20) "Consignee" means a merchant to which goods are 1317 delivered in a consignment. 1318 [(20)] (21) "Consignment" means a transaction, regardless of its form, 1319 in which a person delivers goods to a merchant for the purpose of sale 1320 and: 1321 (A) The merchant: 1322 (i) Deals in goods of that kind under a name other than the name of 1323 the person making delivery; 1324 (ii) Is not an auctioneer; and 1325 (iii) Is not generally known by its creditors to be substantially 1326 engaged in selling the goods of others;

(C) The goods are not consumer goods immediately before delivery;

one thousand dollars or more at the time of delivery;

(B) With respect to each delivery, the aggregate value of the goods is

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- 1331 (D) The transaction does not create a security interest that secures an
- 1332 obligation.
- [(21)] (22) "Consignor" means a person that delivers goods to a
- 1334 consignee in a consignment.
- 1335 [(22)] (23) "Consumer debtor" means a debtor in a consumer
- 1336 transaction.
- [(23)] (24) "Consumer goods" means goods that are used or bought
- for use primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 1339 [(24)] (25) "Consumer-goods transaction" means a consumer
- 1340 transaction in which:
- (A) An individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family
- 1342 or household purposes; and
- 1343 (B) A security interest in consumer goods secures the obligation.
- [(25)] (26) "Consumer obligor" means an obligor who is an individual
- and who incurred the obligation as part of a transaction entered into
- primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- [(26)] (27) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in which (i) an
- 1348 individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family or
- household purposes, (ii) a security interest secures the obligation, and
- 1350 (iii) the collateral is held or acquired primarily for personal, family or
- household purposes. The term includes consumer-goods transactions.
- 1352 [(27)] (28) "Continuation statement" means an amendment of a
- 1353 financing statement which:
- (A) Identifies, by its file number or, in the case of a recording with a
- filing office described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-
- 1356 9-501, by book and page number, the initial financing statement to
- 1357 which it relates; and

1358 (B) Indicates that it is a continuation statement for, or that it is filed to 1359 continue the effectiveness of, the identified financing statement. 1360 (29) "Controllable account" means an account evidenced by a controllable electronic record that provides that the account debtor 1361 1362 undertakes to pay the person that has control, under section 90 of this 1363 act, of the controllable electronic record. 1364 (30) "Controllable payment intangible" means a payment intangible 1365 evidenced by a controllable electronic record that provides that the 1366 account debtor undertakes to pay the person that has control, under 1367 section 90 of this act, of the controllable electronic record. 1368 [(28)] (31) "Debtor" means: 1369 (A) A person having an interest, other than a security interest or other 1370 lien, in the collateral, whether or not the person is an obligor; 1371 (B) A seller of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles or 1372 promissory notes; or 1373 (C) A consignee. 1374 [(29)] (32) "Deposit account" means a demand, time, savings, 1375 passbook or similar account maintained with a bank. The term does not 1376 include investment property or accounts evidenced by an instrument. 1377 [(30)] (33) "Document" means a document of title or a receipt of the 1378 type described in subsection (b) of section 42a-7-201. 1379 [(31) "Electronic chattel paper" means chattel paper evidenced by a 1380 record or records consisting of information stored in an electronic 1381 medium.] (34) "Electronic money" means money in an electronic form. 1382 1383 [(32)] (35) "Encumbrance" includes real property mortgages and other

liens on real property and all other rights in real property that are not

ownership interests.

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1386 [(33)] (36) "Equipment" means goods other than inventory, farm 1387 products or consumer goods. 1388 [(34)] (37) "Farm products" means goods, other than standing timber, 1389 with respect to which the debtor is engaged in a farming operation and 1390 which are: 1391 (A) Crops grown, growing or to be grown, including: 1392 (i) Crops produced on trees, vines and bushes; and 1393 (ii) Aquatic goods produced in aquacultural operations; 1394 (B) Livestock, born or unborn, including aquatic goods produced in 1395 aquacultural operations; 1396 (C) Supplies used or produced in a farming operation; or 1397 (D) Products of crops or livestock in their unmanufactured states. 1398 [(35)] (38) "Farming operation" means raising, 1399 propagating, fattening, grazing or any other farming, livestock or 1400 aquacultural operation. 1401 [(36)] (39) "File number" means the number assigned to an initial 1402 financing statement pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42a-9-519. 1403 [(37)] (40) "Filing office" means an office designated in section 42a-9-1404 501 as the place to file a financing statement. 1405 [(38)] (41) "Filing-office regulation" means a regulation adopted 1406 pursuant to section 42a-9-526. 1407 [(39)] (42) "Financing statement" means a record or records composed 1408 of an initial financing statement and any filed record relating to the 1409 initial financing statement. 1410 [(40)] (43) "Fixture filing" means the filing of a financing statement 1411 covering goods that are or are to become fixtures and satisfying

subsections (a) and (b) of section 42a-9-502. The term includes the filing

of a financing statement covering goods of a transmitting utility which are or are to become fixtures.

- [(41)] (44) "Fixtures" means goods that have become so related to particular real property that an interest in them arises under real property law.
- [(42)] (45) "General intangible" means any personal property, including things in action, other than accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money and oil, gas or other minerals before extraction. The term includes controllable electronic records, payment intangibles and software.
- [(43)] (46) "Good faith" has the same meaning as provided in [subdivision (20) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act.
 - [(44)] (47) "Goods" means all things that are movable when a security interest attaches. The term includes (i) fixtures, (ii) standing timber that is to be cut and removed under a conveyance or contract for sale, (iii) the unborn young of animals, (iv) crops grown, growing or to be grown, even if the crops are produced on trees, vines or bushes, and (v) manufactured homes. The term also includes a computer program embedded in goods and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program if (i) the program is associated with the goods in such a manner that it customarily is considered part of the goods, or (ii) by becoming the owner of the goods, a person acquires a right to use the program in connection with the goods. The term does not include a computer program embedded in goods that consist solely of the medium in which the program is embedded. The term also does not include accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money or oil, gas or other minerals before extraction.

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[(45)] (48) "Governmental unit" means a subdivision, agency, department, county, parish, municipality, or other unit of the government of the United States, a state or a foreign country. The term includes an organization having a separate corporate existence if the organization is eligible to issue debt on which interest is exempt from income taxation under the laws of the United States.

- [(46)] (49) "Health-care-insurance receivable" means an interest in or claim under a policy of insurance which is a right to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or services provided.
- 1454 [(47)] (50) "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument or any other 1455 writing that evidences a right to the payment of a monetary obligation, 1456 is not itself a security agreement or lease and is of a type that in ordinary 1457 course of business is transferred by delivery with any necessary 1458 endorsement or assignment. The term does not include (i) investment 1459 property, (ii) letters of credit, [or] (iii) writings that evidence a right to 1460 payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information 1461 contained on or for use with the card, or (iv) writings that evidence 1462 chattel paper.
- [(48)] (51) "Inventory" means goods, other than farm products, which:
- 1464 (A) Are leased by a person as lessor;

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- 1465 (B) Are held by a person for sale or lease or to be furnished under a contract of service;
- 1467 (C) Are furnished by a person under a contract of service; or
- 1468 (D) Consist of raw materials, work in process or materials used or consumed in a business.
- [(49)] (52) "Investment property" means a security, whether certificated or uncertificated, security entitlement, securities account, commodity contract or commodity account.
- [(50)] (53) "Jurisdiction of organization", with respect to a registered

organization, means the jurisdiction under whose law the organization is formed or organized.

- 1476 [(51)] (54) "Letter-of-credit right" means a right to payment or
- 1477 performance under a letter of credit, whether or not the beneficiary has
- demanded or is at the time entitled to demand payment or performance.
- 1479 The term does not include the right of a beneficiary to demand payment
- 1480 or performance under a letter of credit.
- 1481 [(52)] (55) "Lien creditor" means:
- 1482 (A) A creditor that has acquired a lien on the property involved by
- 1483 attachment, levy or the like;
- (B) An assignee for benefit of creditors from the time of assignment;
- 1485 (C) A trustee in bankruptcy from the date of the filing of the petition;
- 1486 or
- 1487 (D) A receiver in equity from the time of appointment.
- [(53)] (56) "Manufactured home" means a "mobile manufactured
- 1489 home" as defined in section 21-64.
- [(54)] (57) "Manufactured-home transaction" means a secured
- 1491 transaction:
- 1492 (A) That creates a purchase-money security interest in a
- 1493 manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as
- 1494 inventory; or
- (B) In which a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home
- 1496 held as inventory, is the primary collateral.
- 1497 (58) "Money" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (25)
- of subsection (b) of section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, but does
- not include (i) a deposit account, or (ii) money in an electronic form that
- cannot be subjected to control under section 39 of this act.

[(55)] (59) "Mortgage" means a consensual interest in real property, including fixtures, which secures payment or performance of an obligation.

- [(56)] (60) "New debtor" means a person that becomes bound as debtor under subsection (d) of section 42a-9-203 by a security agreement previously entered into by another person.
- [(57)] (61) "New value" means (i) money, (ii) money's worth in property, services or new credit, or (iii) release by a transferee of an interest in property previously transferred to the transferee. The term does not include an obligation substituted for another obligation.
- 1511 [(58)] (62) "Noncash proceeds" means proceeds other than cash proceeds.
- [(59)] (63) "Obligor" means a person that, with respect to an obligation secured by a security interest in or an agricultural lien on the collateral, (i) owes payment or other performance of the obligation, (ii) has provided property other than the collateral to secure payment or other performance of the obligation, or (iii) is otherwise accountable in whole or in part for payment or other performance of the obligation. The term does not include issuers or nominated persons under a letter of credit.
- [(60)] (64) "Original debtor", except as used in subsection (c) of section 42a-9-310, means a person that, as debtor, entered into a security agreement to which a new debtor has become bound under subsection (d) of section 42a-9-203.
- [(61)] (65) "Payment intangible" means a general intangible under which the account debtor's principal obligation is a monetary obligation. The term includes a controllable payment intangible.
- 1527 [(62)] (66) "Person related to", with respect to an individual, means:
- 1528 (A) The spouse of the individual;
- 1529 (B) A brother, brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law of the individual;

1530 1531	(C) An ancestor or lineal descendant of the individual or the individual's spouse; or
1532 1533	(D) Any other relative, by blood or marriage, of the individual or the individual's spouse who shares the same home with the individual.
1534	[(63)] (67) "Person related to", with respect to an organization, means:
1535 1536	(A) A person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the organization;
1537 1538	(B) An officer or director of, or a person performing similar functions with respect to, the organization;
1539 1540	(C) An officer or director of, or a person performing similar functions with respect to, a person described in subparagraph (A);
1541 1542	(D) The spouse of an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B) or (C); or
1543 1544 1545	(E) An individual who is related by blood or marriage to an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C) or (D) and shares the same home with the individual.
1546 1547	[(64)] (68) "Proceeds", except as used in subsection (b) of section 42a-9-609, means the following property:
1548 1549	(A) Whatever is acquired upon the sale, lease, license, exchange or other disposition of collateral;
1550	(B) Whatever is collected on, or distributed on account of, collateral;
1551	(C) Rights arising out of collateral;
1552	(D) To the extent of the value of collateral, claims arising out of the
1553	loss, nonconformity or interference with the use of, defects or
1554	infringement of rights in, or damage to, the collateral; or
1555	(E) To the extent of the value of collateral and to the extent payable to
1556	the debtor or the secured party, insurance payable by reason of the loss

or nonconformity of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the collateral.

- [(65)] (69) "Promissory note" means an instrument that evidences a promise to pay a monetary obligation, does not evidence an order to pay and does not contain an acknowledgment by a bank that the bank has received for deposit a sum of money or funds.
- [(66)] (70) "Proposal" means a record authenticated by a secured party which includes the terms on which the secured party is willing to accept collateral in full or partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures pursuant to sections 42a-9-620, as amended by this act, 42a-9-621, as amended by this act, and 42a-9-622.
- 1568 [(67)] (71) "Public-finance transaction" means a secured transaction in connection with which:
- 1570 (A) Debt securities are issued;
- 1571 (B) All or a portion of the securities issued have an initial stated 1572 maturity of at least twenty years; and
- 1573 (C) The debtor, obligor, secured party, account debtor or other person 1574 obligated on collateral, assignor or assignee of a secured obligation or 1575 assignor or assignee of a security interest is a state or a governmental 1576 unit of a state.
- 1577 [(68)] (72) "Public organic record" means a record that is available to 1578 the public for inspection and is:
- (A) A record consisting of the record initially filed with or issued by a state or the United States to form or organize an organization and any record filed with or issued by the state or the United States which amends or restates the initial record;
- 1583 (B) An organic record of a business trust consisting of the record 1584 initially filed with a state and any record filed with the state which 1585 amends or restates the initial record, if a statute of the state governing

business trusts requires that the record be filed with the state; or

- (C) A record consisting of legislation enacted by the legislature of a state or the Congress of the United States which forms or organizes an organization, any record amending the legislation and any record filed with or issued by the state or the United States which amends or restates the name of the organization.
- [(69)] (73) "Pursuant to commitment", with respect to an advance made or other value given by a secured party, means pursuant to the secured party's obligation, whether or not a subsequent event of default or other event not within the secured party's control has relieved or may relieve the secured party from its obligation.
 - [(70)] (74) "Record", except as used in "for record", "of record", "record or legal title" and "record owner", means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or which is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
 - [(71)] (75) "Registered organization" means an organization formed or organized solely under the law of a single state or the United States by the filing of a public organic record with, the issuance of a public organic record by or the enactment of legislation by the state or the United States. The term includes a business trust that is formed or organized under the law of a single state if a statute of the state governing business trusts requires that the business trust's organic record be filed with the state.
- 1609 [(72)] (76) "Secondary obligor" means an obligor to the extent that:
- 1610 (A) The obligor's obligation is secondary; or
- 1611 (B) The obligor has a right of recourse with respect to an obligation 1612 secured by collateral against the debtor, another obligor or property of 1613 either.
- 1614 [(73)] (77) "Secured party" means:

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(A) A person in whose favor a security interest is created or provided for under a security agreement, whether or not any obligation to be secured is outstanding;

- 1618 (B) A person that holds an agricultural lien;
- 1619 (C) A consignor;
- 1620 (D) A person to which accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles 1621 or promissory notes have been sold;
- 1622 (E) A trustee, indenture trustee, agent, collateral agent or other 1623 representative in whose favor a security interest or agricultural lien is 1624 created or provided for; or
- (F) A person that holds a security interest arising under section 42a-1626 2-401, section 42a-2-505, subsection (3) of section 42a-2-711, subsection (d) of section 42a-2A-724, section 42a-4-210 or section 42a-5-118.
- [(74)] (78) "Security agreement" means an agreement that creates or provides for a security interest.
- 1630 [(75) "Send", in connection with a record or notification, means:
- (A) To deposit in the mail, deliver for transmission or transmit by any other usual means of communication, with postage or cost of transmission provided for, addressed to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or
- 1635 (B) To cause the record or notification to be received within the time 1636 that it would have been received if properly sent under subparagraph 1637 (A).]
- [(76)] (79) "Software" means a computer program and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program. The term does not include a computer program that is included in the definition of goods.
- [(77)] (80) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of

1643 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any territory 1644 or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

- [(78)] (81) "Supporting obligation" means a letter-of-credit right or secondary obligation that supports the payment or performance of an account, chattel paper, a document, a general intangible, an instrument or investment property.
- 1649 [(79) "Tangible chattel paper" means chattel paper evidenced by a 1650 record or records consisting of information that is inscribed on a 1651 tangible medium.]
- 1652 (82) "Tangible money" means money in a tangible form.
- 1653 [(80)] (83) "Termination statement" means an amendment of a financing statement which:
- (A) Identifies, by its file number or, in the case of a recording with a filing office described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-501, by book and page number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and
- 1659 (B) Indicates either that it is a termination statement or that the identified financing statement is no longer effective.
- 1661 [(81)] (84) "Transmitting utility" means a person primarily engaged in the business of:
- 1663 (A) Operating a railroad, subway, street railway or trolley bus;
- 1664 (B) Transmitting communications electrically, electromagnetically or by light;
- 1666 (C) Transmitting goods by pipeline or sewer; or
- 1667 (D) Transmitting or producing and transmitting electricity, steam, gas or water.
- (b) "Control" as provided in section 42a-7-106, as amended by this act,

and the following definitions in other articles apply to this article:

- T43 "Applicant". Section 42a-5-102.
- T44 "Beneficiary". Section 42a-5-102.
- T45 "Broker". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T46 "Certificated security". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T47 "Check". Section 42a-3-104, as amended by this act.
- T48 "Clearing corporation". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T49 "Contract for sale". Section 42a-2-106, as amended by this act.
- T50 "Controllable electronic record". Section 87 of this act.
- T51 "Customer". Section 42a-4-104.
- T52 "Entitlement holder". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T53 "Financial asset". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T54 "Holder in due course". Section 42a-3-302.
- T55 "Issuer" (with respect to a letter of credit or letter-of-credit right). Section 42a-5-102.
- T56 "Issuer" (with respect to a security). Section 42a-8-201.
- T57 "Issuer" (with respect to documents of title). Section 42a-7-102, as amended by this act.
- T58 "Lease". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T59 "Lease agreement". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T60 "Lease contract". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T61 "Leasehold interest". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T62 "Lessee". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T63 "Lessee in ordinary course of business". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T64 "Lessor". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T65 "Lessor's residual interest". Section 42a-2A-102, as amended by this act.
- T66 "Letter of credit". Section 42a-5-102.
- T67 "Merchant". Section 42a-2-104.
- T68 "Negotiable instrument". Section 42a-3-104, as amended by this act.
- T69 "Nominated person". Section 42a-5-102.
- T70 "Note". Section 42a-3-104, as amended by this act.
- T71 "Proceeds of a letter of credit". Section 42a-5-114.
- T72 "Protected purchaser". Section 42a-8-303, as amended by this act.

- T73 "Prove". Section 42a-3-103.
- T74 "Qualifying purchaser". Section 87 of this act.
- T75 "Sale". Section 42a-2-106, as amended by this act.
- T76 "Securities account". Section 42a-8-501.
- T77 "Securities intermediary". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T78 "Security". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T79 "Security certificate". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T80 "Security entitlement". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- T81 "Uncertificated security". Section 42a-8-102, as amended by this act.
- 1671 (c) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this article.
- Sec. 37. Section 42a-9-104 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1674 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 1675 (a) A secured party has control of a deposit account if:
- 1676 (1) The secured party is the bank with which the deposit account is maintained:
- 1678 (2) The debtor, secured party and bank have agreed in [an
- 1679 authenticated a signed record that the bank will comply with
- instructions originated by the secured party directing disposition of the
- funds in the deposit account without further consent by the debtor; [or]
- 1682 (3) The secured party becomes the bank's customer with respect to
- the deposit account; or
- 1684 (4) Another person, other than the debtor:
- 1685 (A) Has control of the deposit account and acknowledges that it has
- 1686 control on behalf of the secured party; or
- (B) Obtains control of the deposit account after having acknowledged
- 1688 that it will obtain control of the deposit account on behalf of the secured
- 1689 party.

(b) A secured party that has satisfied subsection (a) of this section has
 control, even if the debtor retains the right to direct the disposition of
 funds from the deposit account.

- Sec. 38. Section 42a-9-105 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- [(a) A secured party has control of electronic chattel paper if a system employed for evidencing the transfer of interests in the chattel paper reliably establishes the secured party as the person to which the chattel paper was assigned.
- 1699 (b) A system satisfies subsection (a) of this section if the record or records comprising the chattel paper are created, stored and assigned in such a manner that:
- 1702 (1) A single authoritative copy of the record or records exists which 1703 is unique, identifiable and, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions 1704 (4), (5) and (6) of this subsection, unalterable;
- 1705 (2) The authoritative copy identifies the secured party as the assignee 1706 of the record or records;
- 1707 (3) The authoritative copy is communicated to and maintained by the secured party or its designated custodian;
- 1709 (4) Copies or amendments that add or change an identified assignee 1710 of the authoritative copy can be made only with the consent of the 1711 secured party;
- 1712 (5) Each copy of the authoritative copy and any copy of a copy is 1713 readily identifiable as a copy that is not the authoritative copy; and
- 1714 (6) Any amendment of the authoritative copy is readily identifiable 1715 as authorized or unauthorized.]
- 1716 (a) A purchaser has control of an authoritative electronic copy of a
 1717 record evidencing chattel paper if a system employed for evidencing the
 1718 assignment of interests in the chattel paper reliably establishes the

1719	purchaser as the person to which the authoritative electronic copy was
1720	assigned.
1721	(b) A system satisfies subsection (a) of this section if the record or
1722	records evidencing the chattel paper are created, stored and assigned in
1723	a manner that:
1724	(1) A single authoritative copy of the record or records exists which
1725	is unique, identifiable and, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions
1726	(4), (5) and (6) of this subsection, unalterable;
1727	(2) The authoritative copy identifies the purchaser as the assignee of
1728	the record or records;
1729	(3) The authoritative copy is communicated to and maintained by the
1730	purchaser or its designated custodian;
1731	(4) Copies or amendments that add or change an identified assignee
1732	of the authoritative copy can be made only with the consent of the
1733	purchaser;
1734	(5) Each copy of the authoritative copy and any copy of a copy is
1735	readily identifiable as a copy that is not the authoritative copy; and
1736	(6) Any amendment of the authoritative copy is readily identifiable
1737	as authorized or unauthorized.
1738	(c) A system satisfies subsection (a) of this section, and a purchaser
1739	has control of an authoritative electronic copy of a record evidencing
1740	chattel paper, if the electronic copy, a record attached to or logically
1741	associated with the electronic copy or a system in which the electronic
1742	copy is recorded:
1743	(1) Enables the purchaser readily to identify each electronic copy as
1744	either an authoritative copy or a nonauthoritative copy;
1745	(2) Enables the purchaser readily to identify itself in any way,
1746	including by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office or
1747	account number, as the assignee of the authoritative electronic copy; and

1748	(3) Gives the purchaser exclusive power, subject to subsection (d) of
1749	this section, to:
1750	(A) Prevent others from adding or changing an identified assignee of
1751	the authoritative electronic copy; and
1752	(B) Transfer control of the authoritative electronic copy.
1753	(d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, a power is exclusive under
1754	subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this
1755	section even if:
1756	(1) The authoritative electronic copy, a record attached to or logically
1757	associated with the authoritative electronic copy or a system in which
1758	the authoritative electronic copy is recorded limits the use of the
1759	authoritative electronic copy or has a protocol programmed to cause a
1760	change, including a transfer or loss of control; or
	
1761	(2) The power is shared with another person.
1762	(e) A power of a purchaser is not shared with another person under
1763	subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section and the purchaser's
1764	power is not exclusive if:
1765	(1) The purchaser can exercise the power only if the power also is
1766	exercised by the other person; and
1767	(2) The other person:
1768	(A) Can exercise the power without exercise of the power by the
1769	<u>purchaser; or</u>
1770	(B) Is the transferor to the purchaser of an interest in the chattel paper.
1771	(f) If a purchaser has the powers specified in subparagraphs (A) and
1772	(B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section, the powers are
1773	presumed to be exclusive.
1774	(g) A purchaser has control of an authoritative electronic copy of a

1775 record evidencing chattel paper if another person, other than the 1776 transferor to the purchaser of an interest in the chattel paper: 1777 (1) Has control of the authoritative electronic copy and acknowledges 1778 that it has control on behalf of the purchaser; or 1779 (2) Obtains control of the authoritative electronic copy after having 1780 acknowledged that it will obtain control of the electronic copy on behalf 1781 of the purchaser. 1782 Sec. 39. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) A person has control of 1783 electronic money if: (1) The electronic money, a record attached to or 1784 logically associated with the electronic money or a system in which the 1785 electronic money is recorded gives the person: 1786 (A) Power to avail itself of substantially all the benefit from the 1787 electronic money; and 1788 (B) Exclusive power, subject to subsection (b) of this section, to: 1789 (i) Prevent others from availing themselves of substantially all the benefit from the electronic money; and 1790 1791 (ii) Transfer control of the electronic money to another person or 1792 cause another person to obtain control of other electronic money as a 1793 result of the transfer of the electronic money; and 1794 (2) The electronic money, a record attached to or logically associated 1795 with the electronic money or a system in which the electronic money is 1796 recorded enables the person readily to identify itself in any way, 1797 including by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office or 1798 account number, as having the powers under subdivision (1) of this 1799 subsection. 1800 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a power is exclusive under 1801 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section even 1802 if: 1803 (1) The electronic money, a record attached to or logically associated

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with the electronic money or a system in which the electronic money is recorded limits the use of the electronic money or has a protocol programmed to cause a change, including a transfer or loss of control; or

- 1808 (2) The power is shared with another person.
- 1809 (c) A power of a person is not shared with another person under 1810 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and the person's power 1811 is not exclusive if:
- 1812 (1) The person can exercise the power only if the power also is 1813 exercised by the other person; and
- 1814 (2) The other person: (A) Can exercise the power without exercise of 1815 the power by the person; or (B) is the transferor to the person of an 1816 interest in the electronic money.
- 1817 (d) If a person has the powers specified in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the powers are presumed to be exclusive.
- 1820 (e) A person has control of electronic money if another person, other 1821 than the transferor to the person of an interest in the electronic money:
- 1822 (1) Has control of the electronic money and acknowledges that it has control on behalf of the person; or
- 1824 (2) Obtains control of the electronic money after having 1825 acknowledged that it will obtain control of the electronic money on 1826 behalf of the person.
- Sec. 40. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) A secured party has control of a controllable electronic record as provided in section 90 of this act.
- 1830 (b) A secured party has control of a controllable account or 1831 controllable payment intangible if the secured party has control of the 1832 controllable electronic record that evidences the controllable account or

- 1833 controllable payment intangible.
- 1834 Sec. 41. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) A person that has control
- under section 42a-9-104, as amended by this act, 42a-9-105, as amended
- 1836 by this act, or section 39 of this act is not required to acknowledge that
- it has control on behalf of another person.
- 1838 (b) If a person acknowledges that it has or will obtain control on
- 1839 behalf of another person, unless the person otherwise agrees or law
- other than this article otherwise provides, the person does not owe any
- 1841 duty to the other person and is not required to confirm the
- acknowledgment to any other person.
- Sec. 42. Subsection (b) of section 42a-9-203 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 1845 1, 2026):
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) to (i), inclusive, of
- this section, a security interest is enforceable against the debtor and
- third parties with respect to the collateral only if:
- 1849 (1) Value has been given;
- 1850 (2) The debtor has rights in the collateral or the power to transfer
- rights in the collateral to a secured party; and
- 1852 (3) One of the following conditions is met:
- (A) The debtor has [authenticated] <u>signed</u> a security agreement that
- provides a description of the collateral and, if the security interest covers
- timber to be cut, a description of the land concerned;
- 1856 (B) The collateral is not a certificated security and is in the possession
- of the secured party under section 42a-9-313, as amended by this act,
- 1858 pursuant to the debtor's security agreement;
- 1859 (C) The collateral is a certificated security in registered form and the
- security certificate has been delivered to the secured party under section
- 1861 42a-8-301 pursuant to the debtor's security agreement; or

(D) The collateral is controllable accounts, controllable electronic 1862 1863 records, controllable payment intangibles, deposit accounts, [electronic 1864 chattel paper] electronic documents, electronic money, investment 1865 property [,] or letter-of-credit rights, [or electronic documents,] and the 1866 secured party has control under section 42a-7-106, as amended by this 1867 act, 42a-9-104, as amended by this act, 42a-9-105, as amended by this act, 1868 42a-9-106, [or] 42a-9-107 or section 40 of this act, pursuant to the debtor's 1869 security agreement; or

- 1870 <u>(E) The collateral is chattel paper and the secured party has</u> 1871 <u>possession and control under section 57 of this act, pursuant to the</u> 1872 debtor's security agreement.
- Sec. 43. Section 42a-9-204 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 1875 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a security 1876 agreement may create or provide for a security interest in after-acquired collateral.
- 1878 (b) [A] <u>Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, a</u> 1879 security interest does not attach under a term constituting an 1880 after-acquired property clause to:
- 1881 (1) Consumer goods, other than an accession when given as 1882 additional security, unless the debtor acquires rights in them within ten 1883 days after the secured party gives value; or
- 1884 (2) A commercial tort claim.
- 1885 (c) Subsection (b) of this section does not prevent a security interest 1886 from attaching:
- 1887 (1) To consumer goods as proceeds under subsection (a) of section 1888 42a-9-315 or commingled goods under subsection (c) of section 42a-9 1889 336;
- 1890 (2) To a commercial tort claim as proceeds under subsection (a) of

- 1891 <u>section 42a-9-315; or</u>
- 1892 (3) Under an after-acquired property clause to property that is 1893 proceeds of consumer goods or a commercial tort claim.
- [(c)] (d) A security agreement may provide that collateral secures, or
- that accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles or promissory notes
- are sold in connection with, future advances or other value, whether or
- 1897 not the advances or value are given pursuant to commitment.
- Sec. 44. Subsection (c) of section 42a-9-207 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 1900 1, 2026):
- 1901 (c) Except as otherwise agreed by a debtor other than a consumer
- 1902 debtor or as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, a
- 1903 secured party having possession of collateral or control of collateral
- under section 42a-7-106, as amended by this act, 42a-9-104, as amended
- by this act, 42a-9-105, as amended by this act, section 39 of this act, 42a-
- 1906 9-106, [or] 42a-9-107 or section 40 of this act:
- 1907 (1) May hold as additional security any proceeds, except money or
- 1908 funds, received from the collateral;
- 1909 (2) Shall apply money or funds received from the collateral to reduce
- 1910 the secured obligation, unless remitted to the debtor; and
- 1911 (3) May create a security interest in the collateral.
- 1912 Sec. 45. Subsection (b) of section 42a-9-208 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 1914 1, 2026):
- 1915 (b) Within ten days after receiving [an authenticated] a signed
- 1916 demand by the debtor:
- 1917 (1) A secured party having control of a deposit account under
- subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-104, as amended by this
- act, shall send to the bank with which the deposit account is maintained

[an authenticated statement] <u>a signed record</u> that releases the bank from any further obligation to comply with instructions originated by the

- 1922 secured party;
- 1923 (2) A secured party having control of a deposit account under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-104, as amended by this
- 1925 <u>act</u>, shall:

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- 1926 (A) Pay the debtor the balance on deposit in the deposit account; or
- 1927 (B) Transfer the balance on deposit into a deposit account in the debtor's name;
- 1929 **[**(3) A secured party, other than a buyer, having control of electronic chattel paper under section 42a-9-105 shall:
- 1931 (A) Communicate the authoritative copy of the electronic chattel 1932 paper to the debtor or its designated custodian;
- (B) If the debtor designates a custodian that is the designated custodian with which the authoritative copy of the electronic chattel paper is maintained for the secured party, communicate to the custodian an authenticated record releasing the designated custodian from any further obligation to comply with instructions originated by the secured party and instructing the custodian to comply with instructions originated by the debtor; and
 - (C) Take appropriate action to enable the debtor or its designated custodian to make copies of or revisions to the authoritative copy which add or change an identified assignee of the authoritative copy without the consent of the secured party;]
- (3) A secured party, other than a buyer, having control under section
 42a-9-105, as amended by this act, of an authoritative electronic copy of
 a record evidencing chattel paper shall transfer control of the electronic
 copy to the debtor or a person designated by the debtor;
- 1948 (4) A secured party having control of investment property under

subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 42a-8-106, as amended by this act, or subsection (b) of section 42a-9-106 shall send to the securities intermediary or commodity intermediary with which the security entitlement or commodity contract is maintained [an authenticated] a signed record that releases the securities intermediary or commodity intermediary from any further obligation to comply with entitlement orders or directions originated by the secured party;

- (5) A secured party having control of a letter-of-credit right under section 42a-9-107 shall send to each person having an unfulfilled obligation to pay or deliver proceeds of the letter of credit to the secured party [an authenticated] a signed release from any further obligation to pay or deliver proceeds of the letter of credit to the secured party; [and]
- 1961 [(6) A secured party having control of an electronic document shall:
- 1962 (A) Give control of the electronic document to the debtor or its designated custodian;
 - (B) If the debtor designates a custodian that is the designated custodian with which the authoritative copy of the electronic document is maintained for the secured party, communicate to the custodian an authenticated record releasing the designated custodian from any further obligation to comply with instructions originated by the secured party and instructing the custodian to comply with instructions originated by the debtor; and
- 1971 (C) Take appropriate action to enable the debtor or its designated 1972 custodian to make copies of or revisions to the authoritative copy which 1973 add or change an identified assignee of the authoritative copy without 1974 the consent of the secured party.]
- (6) A secured party having control under section 42a-9-105, as
 amended by this act, of an authoritative electronic copy of an electronic document shall transfer control of the electronic copy to the debtor or a
 person designated by the debtor;
- 1979 (7) A secured party having control under section 39 of this act of

electronic money shall transfer control of the electronic money to the debtor or a person designated by the debtor; and

- (8) A secured party having control under section 90 of this act of a controllable electronic record, other than a buyer of a controllable account or controllable payment intangible evidenced by the controllable electronic record, shall transfer control of the controllable electronic record to the debtor or a person designated by the debtor.
- Sec. 46. Subsection (b) of section 42a-9-209 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1989 1, 2026):
- (b) Within ten days after receiving [an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> demand by the debtor, a secured party shall send to an account debtor that has received notification <u>under subsection (a) of section 42a-9-406</u> or <u>subsection (b) of section 91 of this act</u> of an assignment to the secured party as assignee [under subsection (a) of section 42a-9-406 an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> record that releases the account debtor from any further obligation to the secured party.
- Sec. 47. Section 42a-9-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 1999 (a) In this section:

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- 2000 (1) "Request" means a record of a type described in subdivision (2), 2001 (3) or (4) of this subsection.
- 2002 (2) "Request for an accounting" means a record [authenticated] <u>signed</u> 2003 by a debtor requesting that the recipient provide an accounting of the 2004 unpaid obligations secured by collateral and reasonably identifying the 2005 transaction or relationship that is the subject of the request.
 - (3) "Request regarding a list of collateral" means a record [authenticated] <u>signed</u> by a debtor requesting that the recipient approve or correct a list of what the debtor believes to be the collateral securing an obligation and reasonably identifying the transaction or relationship

- 2010 that is the subject of the request.
- (4) "Request regarding a statement of account" means a record [authenticated] <u>signed</u> by a debtor requesting that the recipient approve or correct a statement indicating what the debtor believes to be the aggregate amount of unpaid obligations secured by collateral as of a specified date and reasonably identifying the transaction or relationship that is the subject of the request.
- 2017 (b) Subject to subsections (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this section, a secured 2018 party, other than a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles 2019 or promissory notes or a consignor, shall comply with a request within 2020 fourteen days after receipt:
- 2021 (1) In the case of a request for an accounting, by [authenticating] 2022 <u>signing</u> and sending to the debtor an accounting; and
- 2023 (2) In the case of a request regarding a list of collateral or a request regarding a statement of account, by [authenticating] <u>signing</u> and 2025 sending to the debtor an approval or correction.
 - (c) A secured party that claims a security interest in all of a particular type of collateral owned by the debtor may comply with a request regarding a list of collateral by sending to the debtor [an authenticated] a signed record including a statement to that effect within fourteen days after receipt.
- (d) A person that receives a request regarding a list of collateral, claims no interest in the collateral when it receives the request, and claimed an interest in the collateral at an earlier time shall comply with the request within fourteen days after receipt by sending to the debtor [an authenticated] a signed record:
- 2036 (1) Disclaiming any interest in the collateral; and
- 2037 (2) If known to the recipient, providing the name and mailing address of any assignee of or successor to the recipient's interest in the collateral.

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(e) A person that receives a request for an accounting or a request regarding a statement of account, claims no interest in the obligations when it receives the request and claimed an interest in the obligations at an earlier time shall comply with the request within fourteen days after receipt by sending to the debtor an authenticated record:

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- 2045 (2) If known to the recipient, providing the name and mailing address 2046 of any assignee of or successor to the recipient's interest in the 2047 obligations.
- (f) A debtor is entitled without charge to one response to a request under this section during any six-month period. The secured party may require payment of a charge not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each additional response.
- Sec. 48. Section 42a-9-301 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- Except as otherwise provided in sections 42a-9-303 to [42a-9-306, inclusive] section 52, inclusive, of this act, the following rules determine the law governing perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in collateral:
- 2058 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, while a debtor is 2059 located in a jurisdiction, the local law of that jurisdiction governs 2060 perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a 2061 security interest in collateral.
 - (2) While collateral is located in a jurisdiction, the local law of that jurisdiction governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a possessory security interest in that collateral.
 - (3) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (4) of this section, while [tangible] negotiable <u>tangible</u> documents, goods, instruments [, money or tangible chattel paper] <u>or tangible money</u> is located in a jurisdiction, the local law of that jurisdiction governs:

2069 (A) Perfection of a security interest in the goods by filing a fixture 2070 filing;

- 2071 (B) Perfection of a security interest in timber to be cut; and
- 2072 (C) The effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a 2073 nonpossessory security interest in the collateral.
- 2074 (4) The local law of the jurisdiction in which the wellhead or 2075 minehead is located governs perfection, the effect of perfection or 2076 nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in as-extracted 2077 collateral.
- Sec. 49. Subsection (a) of section 42a-9-304 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 2080 1, 2026):
- 2081 (a) The local law of a bank's jurisdiction governs perfection, the effect 2082 of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in a 2083 deposit account maintained with that bank even if the transaction does 2084 not bear any relation to the bank's jurisdiction.
- Sec. 50. Subsection (a) of section 42a-9-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 2087 1, 2026):
- 2088 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, the following rules apply:
- 2090 (1) While a security certificate is located in a jurisdiction, the local law 2091 of that jurisdiction governs perfection, the effect of perfection or 2092 nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in the certificated 2093 security represented thereby.
- (2) The local law of the issuer's jurisdiction as specified in subsection (d) of section 42a-8-110 governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in an uncertificated security.

(3) The local law of the securities intermediary's jurisdiction as specified in subsection (e) of section 42a-8-110 governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in a security entitlement or securities account.

- (4) The local law of the commodity intermediary's jurisdiction governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in a commodity contract or commodity account.
- 2106 (5) Subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection apply even if the transaction does not bear any relation to the jurisdiction.
- Sec. 51. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, if chattel paper is evidenced only by an authoritative electronic copy of the chattel paper or is evidenced by an authoritative electronic copy and an authoritative tangible copy, the local law of the chattel paper's jurisdiction governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in the chattel paper even if the transaction does not bear any relation to the chattel paper's jurisdiction.
- 2116 (b) The following rules determine the chattel paper's jurisdiction 2117 under this section:
 - (1) If the authoritative electronic copy of the record evidencing chattel paper, or a record attached to or logically associated with the electronic copy and readily available for review, expressly provides that a particular jurisdiction is the chattel paper's jurisdiction for purposes of this part, this article or title 42a of the general statutes, that jurisdiction is the chattel paper's jurisdiction.
 - (2) If subdivision (1) of this subsection does not apply and the rules of the system in which the authoritative electronic copy is recorded are readily available for review and expressly provide that a particular jurisdiction is the chattel paper's jurisdiction for purposes of this part, this article or title 42a of the general statutes, that jurisdiction is the

2129 chattel paper's jurisdiction.

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- 2130 (3) If subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection do not apply and the 2131 authoritative electronic copy, or a record attached to or logically 2132 associated with the electronic copy and readily available for review, 2133 expressly provides that the chattel paper is governed by the law of a
- (4) If subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection do not apply and the rules of the system in which the authoritative electronic copy is recorded are readily available for review and expressly provide that the chattel paper or the system is governed by the law of a particular jurisdiction, that jurisdiction is the chattel paper's jurisdiction.

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- 2140 (5) If subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection do not apply, 2141 the chattel paper's jurisdiction is the jurisdiction in which the debtor is 2142 located.
- (c) If an authoritative tangible copy of a record evidences chattel paper and the chattel paper is not evidenced by an authoritative electronic copy, while the authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing chattel paper is located in a jurisdiction, the local law of that jurisdiction governs:
- 2148 (1) Perfection of a security interest in the chattel paper by possession 2149 under section 57 of this act; and
- 2150 (2) The effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in the chattel paper.
- 2152 (d) The local law of the jurisdiction in which the debtor is located 2153 governs perfection of a security interest in chattel paper by filing.
- Sec. 52. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the local law of the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction specified in subsections (c) and (d) of section 92 of this act governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in a controllable electronic record and

a security interest in a controllable account or controllable payment intangible evidenced by the controllable electronic record.

- 2161 (b) The local law of the jurisdiction in which the debtor is located 2162 governs:
- 2163 (1) Perfection of a security interest in a controllable account, 2164 controllable electronic record or controllable payment intangible by 2165 filing; and
- 2166 (2) Automatic perfection of a security interest in a controllable 2167 payment intangible created by a sale of the controllable payment 2168 intangible.
- Sec. 53. Subsection (b) of section 42a-9-310 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):
- 2172 (b) The filing of a financing statement is not necessary to perfect a security interest:
- 2174 (1) That is perfected under subsection (d), (e), (f) or (g) of section 42a-2175 9-308;
- 2176 (2) That is perfected under section 42a-9-309 when it attaches;
- 2177 (3) In property subject to a statute, regulation or treaty described in subsection (a) of section 42a-9-311;
- 2179 (4) In goods in possession of a bailee which is perfected under 2180 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of section 42a-9-312, as amended 2181 by this act;
- (5) In certificated securities, documents, goods or instruments which is perfected without filing, control or possession under subsection (e), (f) or (g) of section 42a-9-312, as amended by this act;
- 2185 (6) In collateral in the secured party's possession under section 42a-9-2186 313, as amended by this act;

2187 (7) In a certificated security which is perfected by delivery of the 2188 security certificate to the secured party under section 42a-9-313, as 2189 amended by this act; 2190 (8) In controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, 2191 controllable payment intangibles, deposit accounts, [electronic chattel 2192 paper,] electronic documents, investment property or letter-of-credit 2193 rights which is perfected by control under section 42a-9-314, as 2194 amended by this act; 2195 (9) In chattel paper which is perfected by possession and control 2196 under section 57 of this act; 2197 [(9)] (10) In proceeds which is perfected under section 42a-9-315; or 2198 [(10)] (11) That is perfected under section 42a-9-316, as amended by this act. 2199 2200 Sec. 54. Section 42a-9-312 of the general statutes is repealed and the 2201 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 2202 (a) A security interest in chattel paper, [negotiable documents] 2203 controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, controllable payment intangibles, instruments, [or] investment property or 2204 2205 negotiable documents may be perfected by filing. 2206 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d) of section 2207 42a-9-315 for proceeds: 2208 (1) A security interest in a deposit account may be perfected only by control under section 42a-9-314, as amended by this act; 2209 2210 (2) And except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of section 42a-2211 9-308, a security interest in a letter-of-credit right may be perfected only 2212 by control under section 42a-9-314, as amended by this act; [and] 2213 (3) A security interest in tangible money may be perfected only by the 2214 secured party's taking possession under section 42a-9-313, as amended 2215 by this act; and

2216	(4) A security interest in electronic money may be perfected only by
2217	control under section 42a-9-314, as amended by this act.
2218	(c) While goods are in the possession of a bailee that has issued a
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2220	(1) A security interest in the goods may be perfected by perfecting a
2221	security interest in the document; and
2222	(2) A security interest perfected in the document has priority over any
2223	security interest that becomes perfected in the goods by another method
2224	during that time.
2225	(d) While goods are in the possession of a bailee that has issued a
2226	nonnegotiable document covering the goods, a security interest in the
2227	goods may be perfected by:
2228	(1) Issuance of a document in the name of the secured party;
2229	(2) The bailee's receipt of notification of the secured party's interest;
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2231	(3) Filing as to the goods.
2232	(e) A security interest in certificated securities, negotiable documents
2233	or instruments is perfected without filing or the taking of possession or
2234	control for a period of twenty days from the time it attaches to the extent
2235	that it arises for new value given under [an authenticated] a signed
2236	security agreement.
2237	(f) A perfected security interest in a negotiable document or goods in
2238	possession of a bailee, other than one that has issued a negotiable
2239	document for the goods, remains perfected for twenty days without
2240	filing if the secured party makes available to the debtor the goods or
2241	documents representing the goods for the purpose of:
2242	(1) Ultimate sale or exchange; or
2243	(2) Loading, unloading, storing, shipping, transshipping,

manufacturing, processing or otherwise dealing with them in a manner preliminary to their sale or exchange.

- 2246 (g) A perfected security interest in a certificated security or 2247 instrument remains perfected for twenty days without filing if the 2248 secured party delivers the security certificate or instrument to the debtor 2249 for the purpose of:
- 2250 (1) Ultimate sale or exchange; or
- 2251 (2) Presentation, collection, enforcement, renewal or registration of transfer.
- 2253 (h) After the twenty-day period specified in subsection (e), (f) or (g)
 2254 of this section expires, perfection depends upon compliance with this
 2255 article.
- Sec. 55. Section 42a-9-313 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2258 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, a 2259 secured party may perfect a security interest in [tangible negotiable 2260 documents,] goods, instruments, negotiable tangible documents or 2261 tangible money [or tangible chattel paper] by taking possession of the 2262 collateral. A secured party may perfect a security interest in certificated 2263 securities by taking delivery of the certificated securities under section 2264 42a-8-301.
- (b) With respect to goods covered by a certificate of title issued by this state, a secured party may perfect a security interest in the goods by taking possession of the goods only in the circumstances described in subsection (d) of section 42a-9-316, as amended by this act.
 - (c) With respect to collateral other than certificated securities and goods covered by a document, a secured party takes possession of collateral in the possession of a person other than the debtor, the secured party or a lessee of the collateral from the debtor in the ordinary course of the debtor's business, when:

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2274 (1) The person in possession [authenticates] <u>signs</u> a record 2275 acknowledging that it holds possession of the collateral for the secured 2276 party's benefit; or

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- (2) The person takes possession of the collateral after having [authenticated] <u>signed</u> a record acknowledging that it will hold possession of <u>the</u> collateral for the secured party's benefit.
- (d) If perfection of a security interest depends upon possession of the collateral by a secured party, perfection occurs [no] <u>not</u> earlier than the time the secured party takes possession and continues only while the secured party retains possession.
 - (e) A security interest in a certificated security in registered form is perfected by delivery when delivery of the certificated security occurs under section 42a-8-301 and remains perfected by delivery until the debtor obtains possession of the security certificate.
- (f) A person in possession of collateral is not required to acknowledge that it holds possession for a secured party's benefit.
- 2290 (g) If a person acknowledges that it holds possession for the secured 2291 party's benefit:
- 2292 (1) The acknowledgment is effective under subsection (c) of this 2293 section or subsection (a) of section 42a-8-301, even if the 2294 acknowledgment violates the rights of a debtor; and
- (2) Unless the person otherwise agrees or law other than this article otherwise provides, the person does not owe any duty to the secured party and is not required to confirm the acknowledgment to another person.
 - (h) A secured party having possession of collateral does not relinquish possession by delivering the collateral to a person other than the debtor or a lessee of the collateral from the debtor in the ordinary course of the debtor's business if the person was instructed before the delivery or is instructed contemporaneously with the delivery:

2304 (1) To hold possession of the collateral for the secured party's benefit; 2305 or

- 2306 (2) To redeliver the collateral to the secured party.
- (i) A secured party does not relinquish possession, even if a delivery under subsection (h) of this section violates the rights of a debtor. A person to which collateral is delivered under subsection (h) of this section does not owe any duty to the secured party and is not required to confirm the delivery to another person unless the person otherwise agrees or law other than this article otherwise provides.
- Sec. 56. Section 42a-9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2315 (a) A security interest in [investment property, deposit accounts, 2316 letter-of-credit rights, electronic chattel paper or electronic documents] 2317 controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, controllable 2318 payment intangibles, deposit accounts, electronic documents, electronic 2319 money, investment property or letter-of-credit rights may be perfected 2320 by control of the collateral under section 42a-7-106, as amended by this 2321 act, 42a-9-104, as amended by this act, [42a-9-105] section 39 of this act, 2322 42a-9-106, [or] 42a-9-107, or section 40 of this act.
 - (b) A security interest in [deposit accounts, electronic chattel paper, letter-of-credit rights or electronic documents] controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, controllable payment intangibles, deposit accounts, electronic documents, electronic money or letter-of-credit rights is perfected by control under section 42a-7-106, as amended by this act, 42a-9-104, as amended by this act, [42a-9-105 or] section 39 of this act, 42a-9-107 [when] or section 40 of this act not earlier than the time the secured party obtains control and remains perfected by control only while the secured party retains control.
 - (c) A security interest in investment property is perfected by control under section 42a-9-106 [from] <u>not earlier than</u> the time the secured party obtains control and remains perfected by control until:

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2335 (1) The secured party does not have control; and 2336 (2) One of the following occurs: 2337 (A) If the collateral is a certificated security, the debtor has or acquires 2338 possession of the security certificate; 2339 (B) If the collateral is an uncertificated security, the issuer has 2340 registered or registers the debtor as the registered owner; or 2341 (C) If the collateral is a security entitlement, the debtor is or becomes 2342 the entitlement holder. 2343 Sec. 57. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) A secured party may 2344 perfect a security interest in chattel paper by taking possession of each 2345 authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper 2346 and obtaining control of each authoritative electronic copy of the 2347 electronic record evidencing the chattel paper. 2348 (b) A security interest is perfected under subsection (a) of this section 2349 not earlier than the time the secured party takes possession and obtains 2350 control and remains perfected under subsection (a) of this section only 2351 while the secured party retains possession and control. 2352 (c) Subsection (c) of section 42a-9-313 of the general statutes, as 2353 amended by this act, and subsections (f) to (i), inclusive, of section 42a-2354 9-313 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, apply to perfection 2355 by possession of an authoritative tangible copy of a record evidencing 2356 chattel paper. 2357 Sec. 58. Section 42a-9-316 of the general statutes is repealed and the 2358 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 2359 (a) A security interest perfected pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction 2360 designated in subdivision (1) of section 42a-9-301, as amended by this 2361 act, [or] subsection (c) of section 42a-9-305, subsection (d) of section 51

of this act or subsection (b) of section 52 of this act remains perfected

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2364 (1) The time perfection would have ceased under the law of that 2365 jurisdiction;

- 2366 (2) The expiration of four months after a change of the debtor's location to another jurisdiction; or
- 2368 (3) The expiration of one year after a transfer of collateral to a person that thereby becomes a debtor and is located in another jurisdiction.
 - (b) If a security interest described in subsection (a) of this section becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earliest time or event described in [that] <u>said</u> subsection, it remains perfected thereafter. If the security interest does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earliest time or event, it becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.
 - (c) A possessory security interest in collateral, other than goods covered by a certificate of title and as-extracted collateral consisting of goods, remains continuously perfected if:
- 2380 (1) The collateral is located in one jurisdiction and subject to a security 2381 interest perfected under the law of that jurisdiction;
- 2382 (2) Thereafter the collateral is brought into another jurisdiction; and
- 2383 (3) Upon entry into the other jurisdiction, the security interest is perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction.
 - (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, a security interest in goods covered by a certificate of title which is perfected by any method under the law of another jurisdiction when the goods become covered by a certificate of title from this state remains perfected until the security interest would have become unperfected under the law of the other jurisdiction had the goods not become so covered.
- 2392 (e) A security interest described in subsection (d) of this section

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- 2398 (1) The time the security interest would have become unperfected 2399 under the law of the other jurisdiction had the goods not become 2400 covered by a certificate of title from this state; or
- 2401 (2) The expiration of four months after the goods had become so covered.
- 2403 (f) A security interest in chattel paper, controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, controllable payment intangibles, 2404 2405 deposit accounts, letter-of-credit rights or investment property which is 2406 perfected under the law of the chattel paper's jurisdiction, the 2407 controllable electronic record's jurisdiction, the bank's jurisdiction, the 2408 issuer's jurisdiction, a nominated person's jurisdiction, the securities 2409 intermediary's jurisdiction or the commodity intermediary's 2410 jurisdiction, as applicable, remains perfected until the earlier of:
- 2411 (1) The time the security interest would have become unperfected under the law of that jurisdiction; or
- 2413 (2) The expiration of four months after a change of the applicable jurisdiction to another jurisdiction.
 - (g) If a security interest described in subsection (f) of this section becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of the time or the end of the period described in [that] <u>said</u> subsection, it remains perfected thereafter. If the security interest does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of that time or the end of that period, it becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.
- 2423 (h) The following rules apply to collateral to which a security interest

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2424 attaches within four months after the debtor changes its location to 2425 another jurisdiction:

- (1) A financing statement filed before the change pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction designated in subdivision (1) of section 42a-9-301, as amended by this act, or subsection (c) of section 42a-9-305 is effective to perfect a security interest in the collateral if the financing statement would have been effective to perfect a security interest in the collateral had the debtor not changed its location.
- (2) If a security interest perfected by a financing statement that is effective under subdivision (1) of this subsection becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of the time the financing statement would have become ineffective under the law of the jurisdiction designated in subdivision (1) of section 42a-9-301, as amended by this act, or subsection (c) of section 42a-9-305 or the expiration of the four-month period, it remains perfected thereafter. If the security interest does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier time or event, it becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.
- (i) If a financing statement naming an original debtor is filed pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction designated in subdivision (1) of section 42a-9-301, as amended by this act, or subsection (c) of section 42a-9-305 and the new debtor is located in another jurisdiction, the following rules apply:
- (1) The financing statement is effective to perfect a security interest in collateral acquired by the new debtor before, and within four months after, the new debtor becomes bound under subsection (d) of section 42a-9-203, if the financing statement would have been effective to perfect a security interest in the collateral had the collateral been acquired by the original debtor.
- (2) A security interest perfected by the financing statement and which becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the

earlier of the time the financing statement would have become ineffective under the law of the jurisdiction designated in subdivision (1) of section 42a-9-301, as amended by this act, or subsection (c) of section 42a-9-305 or the expiration of the four-month period remains perfected thereafter. A security interest that is perfected by the financing statement but which does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier time or event becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

- Sec. 59. Section 42a-9-317 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2467 (a) A security interest or agricultural lien is subordinate to the rights of:
- 2469 (1) A person entitled to priority under section 42a-9-322; and
- 2470 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, a person that becomes a lien creditor before the earlier of the time:
- 2472 (A) The security interest or agricultural lien is perfected; or
- 2473 (B) One of the conditions specified in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 42a-9-203, as amended by this act, is met and a financing statement covering the collateral is filed.
- 2476 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, a 2477 buyer, other than a secured party, of [tangible chattel paper, tangible 2478 documents,] goods, instruments, tangible documents or a certificated 2479 security takes free of a security interest or agricultural lien if the buyer 2480 gives value and receives delivery of the collateral without knowledge of 2481 the security interest or agricultural lien and before it is perfected.
 - (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, a lessee of goods takes free of a security interest or agricultural lien if the lessee gives value and receives delivery of the collateral without knowledge of the security interest or agricultural lien and before it is

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(d) [A] <u>Subject to the provisions of subsections (f) to (i), inclusive, of</u>
this section, a licensee of a general intangible or a buyer, other than a
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documents] <u>electronic money</u>, goods, instruments, tangible documents
or a certificated security takes free of a security interest if the licensee or
buyer gives value without knowledge of the security interest and before
it is perfected.

- (e) Except as otherwise provided in sections 42a-9-320 and 42a-9-321, if a person files a financing statement with respect to a purchase-money security interest before or within twenty days after the debtor receives delivery of the collateral, the security interest takes priority over the rights of a buyer, lessee or lien creditor which arise between the time the security interest attaches and the time of filing.
- 2500 (f) A buyer, other than a secured party, of chattel paper takes free of 2501 a security interest if, without knowledge of the security interest and 2502 before it is perfected, the buyer gives value and:
- 2503 (1) Receives delivery of each authoritative tangible copy of the record 2504 evidencing the chattel paper; and
- 2505 (2) If each authoritative electronic copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper can be subjected to control under section 42a-9-105, as amended by this act, obtains control of each authoritative electronic copy.
- 2509 (g) A buyer of an electronic document takes free of a security interest
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 2511 the buyer gives value and, if each authoritative electronic copy of the
 2512 document can be subjected to control under section 42a-7-106, as
 2513 amended by this act, obtains control of each authoritative electronic
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- 2515 (h) A buyer of a controllable electronic record takes free of a security
 2516 interest if, without knowledge of the security interest and before it is

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2519	(i) A buyer, other than a secured party, of a controllable account or a
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2522	buyer gives value and obtains control of the controllable account or
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2524	Sec. 60. Section 42a-9-323 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2525	following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective January 1, 2026</i>):
2526	(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, for
2527	purposes of determining the priority of a perfected security interest
2528	under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-322, perfection
2529	of the security interest dates from the time an advance is made to the
2530	extent that the security interest secures an advance that:
2531	(1) Is made while the security interest is perfected only:
2532	(A) Under section 42a-9-309 when it attaches; or
2533	(B) Temporarily under subsection (e), (f) or (g) of section 42a-9-312,
2534	as amended by this act; and
2535	(2) Is not made pursuant to a commitment entered into before or
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2537	section 42a-9-309 or subsection (e), (f) or (g) of section 42a-9-312, as
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2539	(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
2540	security interest is subordinate to the rights of a person that becomes a
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2542	made more than forty-five days after the person becomes a lien creditor
2543	unless the advance is made:
2544	(1) Without knowledge of the lien; or
2545	(2) Pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the
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- (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to a security interest held by a secured party that is a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles or promissory notes or a consignor.
- 2550 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, a 2551 buyer of goods [other than a buyer in ordinary course of business] takes 2552 free of a security interest to the extent that it secures advances made 2553 after the earlier of:
- 2554 (1) The time the secured party acquires knowledge of the buyer's purchase; or
- 2556 (2) Forty-five days after the purchase.
- (e) Subsection (d) of this section does not apply if the advance is made pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the buyer's purchase and before the expiration of the forty-five-day period.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a lessee of goods [, other than a lessee in ordinary course of business,] takes the leasehold interest free of a security interest to the extent that it secures advances made after the earlier of:
- 2564 (1) The time the secured party acquires knowledge of the lease; or
- 2565 (2) Forty-five days after the lease contract becomes enforceable.
- 2566 (g) Subsection (f) of this section does not apply if the advance is made 2567 pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the lease 2568 and before the expiration of the forty-five-day period.
- Sec. 61. Section 42a-9-324 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2571 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a 2572 perfected purchase-money security interest in goods other than 2573 inventory or livestock has priority over a conflicting security interest in

the same goods, and, except as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-327, a perfected security interest in its identifiable proceeds also has priority, if the purchase-money security interest is perfected when the debtor receives possession of the collateral or within twenty days thereafter.

- (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section and except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a perfected purchase-money security interest in inventory has priority over a conflicting security interest in the same inventory, has priority over a conflicting security interest in chattel paper or an instrument constituting proceeds of the inventory and in proceeds of the chattel paper, if so provided in section 42a-9-330, as amended by this act, and, except as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-327, also has priority in identifiable cash proceeds of the inventory to the extent the identifiable cash proceeds are received on or before the delivery of the inventory to a buyer, if:
- 2588 (1) The purchase-money security interest is perfected when the debtor receives possession of the inventory;
- 2590 (2) The purchase-money secured party sends [an authenticated] <u>a</u> signed notification to the holder of the conflicting security interest;
- 2592 (3) The holder of the conflicting security interest receives the notification within five years before the debtor receives possession of the inventory; and
- 2595 (4) The notification states that the person sending the notification has 2596 or expects to acquire a purchase-money security interest in inventory of 2597 the debtor and describes the inventory.
- 2598 (c) Subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section 2599 apply only if the holder of the conflicting security interest had filed a 2600 financing statement covering the same types of inventory:
- 2601 (1) If the purchase-money security interest is perfected by filing, 2602 before the date of the filing; or
- 2603 (2) If the purchase-money security interest is temporarily perfected

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without filing or possession under subsection (f) of section 42a-9-312, as amended by this act, before the beginning of the twenty-day period thereunder.

- (d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section and except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a perfected purchase-money security interest in livestock that are farm products has priority over a conflicting security interest in the same livestock, and, except as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-327, a perfected security interest in their identifiable proceeds and identifiable products in their unmanufactured states also has priority, if:
- 2614 (1) The purchase-money security interest is perfected when the debtor receives possession of the livestock;
- 2616 (2) The purchase-money secured party sends [an authenticated] <u>a</u> signed notification to the holder of the conflicting security interest;
- 2618 (3) The holder of the conflicting security interest receives the notification within six months before the debtor receives possession of the livestock; and
- 2621 (4) The notification states that the person sending the notification has 2622 or expects to acquire a purchase-money security interest in livestock of 2623 the debtor and describes the livestock.
- (e) Subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (d) of this section apply only if the holder of the conflicting security interest had filed a financing statement covering the same types of livestock:
- 2627 (1) If the purchase-money security interest is perfected by filing, 2628 before the date of the filing; or
- (2) If the purchase-money security interest is temporarily perfected without filing or possession under subsection (f) of section 42a-9-312, as amended by this act, before the beginning of the twenty-day period thereunder.

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(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a perfected purchase-money security interest in software has priority over a conflicting security interest in the same collateral, and, except as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-327, a perfected security interest in its identifiable proceeds also has priority, to the extent that the purchase-money security interest in the goods in which the software was acquired for use has priority in the goods and proceeds of the goods under this section.

- (g) If more than one security interest qualifies for priority in the same collateral under subsection (a), (b), (d) or (f) of this section:
- (1) A security interest securing an obligation incurred as all or part of the price of the collateral has priority over a security interest securing an obligation incurred for value given to enable the debtor to acquire rights in or the use of collateral; and
- 2647 (2) In all other cases, subsection (a) of section 42a-9-322 applies to the qualifying security interests.
- Sec. 62. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) A security interest in a controllable account, controllable electronic record or controllable payment intangible held by a secured party having control of the account, electronic record or payment intangible has priority over a conflicting security interest held by a secured party that does not have control.
- Sec. 63. Section 42a-9-330 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - (a) A purchaser of chattel paper has priority over a security interest in the chattel paper which is claimed merely as proceeds of inventory subject to a security interest if:
 - (1) In good faith and in the ordinary course of the purchaser's business, the purchaser gives new value, [and] takes possession of <u>each</u> authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper, [or] <u>and</u> obtains control [of the chattel paper] under section 42a-9-105,

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as amended by this act, of each authoritative electronic copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper; and

- (2) [The chattel paper does] <u>Authoritative copies of the record</u> evidencing the chattel paper do not indicate that [it] the chattel paper has been assigned to an identified assignee other than the purchaser.
- (b) A purchaser of chattel paper has priority over a security interest in the chattel paper which is claimed other than merely as proceeds of inventory subject to a security interest if the purchaser gives new value, [and] takes possession of each authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper, [or] and obtains control [of] under section 42a-9-105, as amended by this act, of each authoritative electronic copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper [under section 42a-9-105] in good faith, in the ordinary course of the purchaser's business, and without knowledge that the purchase violates the rights of the secured party.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-327, a purchaser having priority in chattel paper under subsection (a) or (b) of this section also has priority in proceeds of the chattel paper to the extent that:
- 2682 (1) Section 42a-9-322 provides for priority in the proceeds; or
 - (2) The proceeds consist of the specific goods covered by the chattel paper or cash proceeds of the specific goods, even if the purchaser's security interest in the proceeds is unperfected.
 - (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of section 42a-9-331, as amended by this act, a purchaser of an instrument has priority over a security interest in the instrument perfected by a method other than possession if the purchaser gives value and takes possession of the instrument in good faith and without knowledge that the purchase violates the rights of the secured party.
 - (e) For purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the holder of a purchase-money security interest in inventory gives new value for chattel paper constituting proceeds of the inventory.

(f) For purposes of subsections (b) and (d) of this section, if authoritative copies of the record evidencing chattel paper or an instrument [indicates] indicate that [it] the chattel paper or instrument has been assigned to an identified secured party other than the purchaser, a purchaser of the chattel paper or instrument has knowledge that the purchase violates the rights of the secured party.

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- Sec. 64. Section 42a-9-331 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - (a) This article does not limit the rights of a holder in due course of a negotiable instrument, a holder to which a negotiable document of title has been duly negotiated, [or] a protected purchaser of a security or a qualifying purchaser of a controllable account, controllable electronic record or controllable payment intangible. These holders or purchasers take priority over an earlier security interest, even if perfected, to the extent provided in articles 3, 7, [and] 8 and sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act.
- 2711 (b) This article does not limit the rights of or impose liability on a 2712 person to the extent that the person is protected against the assertion of 2713 a claim under article 8 or sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act.
- (c) Filing under this article does not constitute notice of a claim or defense to the holders, or purchasers, or persons described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
- Sec. 65. Section 42a-9-332 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (a) A transferee of <u>tangible</u> money takes the money free of a security interest [unless the transferee acts] <u>if the transferee receives possession</u> of the money without acting in collusion with the debtor in violating the rights of the secured party.
- 2723 (b) A transferee of funds from a deposit account takes the funds free 2724 of a security interest in the deposit account [unless the transferee acts] if 2725 the transferee receives the funds without acting in collusion with the

- 2726 debtor in violating the rights of the secured party.
- 2727 (c) A transferee of electronic money takes the money free of a security
- 2728 <u>interest if the transferee obtains control of the money without acting in</u>
- 2729 collusion with the debtor in violating the rights of the secured party.
- Sec. 66. Subsection (f) of section 42a-9-334 of the general statutes is
- 2731 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
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- 2733 (f) A security interest in fixtures, whether or not perfected, has
- 2734 priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the
- 2735 real property if:
- 2736 (1) The encumbrancer or owner has, in [an authenticated] a signed
- 2737 record, consented to the security interest or disclaimed an interest in the
- 2738 goods as fixtures; or
- 2739 (2) The debtor has a right to remove the goods as against the
- 2740 encumbrancer or owner.
- Sec. 67. Section 42a-9-341 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of section 42a-9-340,
- 2744 and unless the bank otherwise agrees in [an authenticated] a signed
- 2745 record, a bank's rights and duties with respect to a deposit account
- 2746 maintained with the bank are not terminated, suspended, or modified
- 2747 by:
- 2748 (1) The creation, attachment or perfection of a security interest in the
- 2749 deposit account;
- 2750 (2) The bank's knowledge of the security interest; or
- 2751 (3) The bank's receipt of instructions from the secured party.
- Sec. 68. Subsection (a) of section 42a-9-404 of the general statutes is
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- 2755 (a) Unless an account debtor has made an enforceable agreement not 2756 to assert defenses or claims, and subject to subsections (b) to (e), 2757 inclusive, of this section the rights of an assignee are subject to:
- 2758 (1) All terms of the agreement between the account debtor and 2759 assignor and any defense or claim in recoupment arising from the 2760 transaction that gave rise to the contract; and
- 2761 (2) Any other defense or claim of the account debtor against the 2762 assignor which accrues before the account debtor receives a notification 2763 of the assignment [authenticated] signed by the assignor or the assignee.
- Sec. 69. Section 42a-9-406 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - (a) Subject to subsections (b) to (j), inclusive, of this section <u>and</u> <u>subsection (k) of this section</u>, an account debtor on an account, chattel paper or a payment intangible may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor until, but not after, the account debtor receives a notification, [authenticated] <u>signed</u> by the assignor or the assignee, that the amount due or to become due has been assigned and that payment is to be made to the assignee. After receipt of the notification, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignee and may not discharge the obligation by paying the assignor. An assignor who receives payment after notification is given must return the payment to the account debtor or forward the payment to the assignee.
 - (b) Subject to [subsection (h)] <u>subsections (h) and (k)</u> of this section, notification is ineffective under subsection (a) of this section:
- 2779 (1) If it does not reasonably identify the rights assigned;
- 2780 (2) To the extent that an agreement between an account debtor and a 2781 seller of a payment intangible limits the account debtor's duty to pay a 2782 person other than the seller and the limitation is effective under law 2783 other than this article; or

2784 (3) At the option of an account debtor, if the notification notifies the account debtor to make less than the full amount of any installment or other periodic payment to the assignee, even if:

- 2787 (A) Only a portion of the account, chattel paper or payment 2788 intangible has been assigned to that assignee;
- 2789 (B) A portion has been assigned to another assignee; or
- (C) The account debtor knows that the assignment to that assignee is limited.
- (c) Subject to [subsection (h)] <u>subsections (h) and (k)</u> of this section, if requested by the account debtor, an assignee shall seasonably furnish reasonable proof that the assignment has been made. Unless the assignee complies, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor, even if the account debtor has received a notification under subsection (a) of this section.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section and in sections 42a-2A-403 and 42a-9-407, and subject to subsection (h) of this section, a term in an agreement between an account debtor and an assignor or in a promissory note is ineffective to the extent that it:
- (1) Prohibits, restricts or requires the consent of the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection or enforcement of a security interest in, the account, chattel paper, payment intangible or promissory note; [or]
- (2) Provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, attachment, perfection or enforcement of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination or remedy under the account, chattel paper, payment intangible or promissory note; or
- 2812 (3) As used in this subsection, "promissory note" includes a negotiable instrument that evidences chattel paper.

(e) Subsection (d) of this section does not apply to the sale of a payment intangible or promissory note, other than a sale pursuant to a disposition under section 42a-9-610 or an acceptance of collateral under section 42a-9-620, as amended by this act.

- (f) Except as otherwise provided in sections 42a-2A-403 and 42a-9-407, and subject to subsections (h) and (i) of this section, a rule of law, statute or regulation that prohibits, restricts or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or official or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or creation of a security interest in, an account or chattel paper is ineffective to the extent that the rule of law, statute or regulation:
- (1) Prohibits, restricts or requires the consent of the government, governmental body or official or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection or enforcement of a security interest in the account or chattel paper; or
- 2829 (2) Provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, 2830 attachment, perfection or enforcement of the security interest may give 2831 rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, 2832 termination, right of termination or remedy under the account or chattel 2833 paper.
 - (g) Subject to [subsection (h)] <u>subsections (h) and (k)</u> of this section, an account debtor may not waive or vary its option under subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section.
 - (h) This section is subject to law other than this article which establishes a different rule for an account debtor who is an individual and who incurred the obligation primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
 - (i) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, this section prevails over any inconsistent provision of any statute or regulation of this state unless the provision is contained in a statute of this state, refers expressly to this section and states that the provision prevails over this

- 2845 section.
- 2846 (j) (1) This section does not apply to:
- 2847 (A) An assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable;
- 2848 (B) An assignment or transfer of or creation of a security interest in:
- 2849 (i) A claim or right to receive compensation for injuries or sickness as described in 26 USC 104(a)(1) or (2), as amended from time to time, or
- 2851 (ii) A claim or right to receive benefits under a special needs trust as 2852 described in 42 USC 1396p(d)(4), as amended from time to time.
- (2) Subsection (f) of this section does not apply to an assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection or enforcement of a security interest in, a right the transfer of which is prohibited or restricted by any of the following statutes to the extent that the statute is inconsistent with said subsection: Section 12-831, 31-320 or 52-225f.
- 2858 (k) Subsections (a), (b), (c) and (g) of this section do not apply to a controllable account or controllable payment intangible.
- Sec. 70. Section 42a-9-408 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2862 (NEW) (g) As used in this section, "promissory note" includes a negotiable instrument that evidences chattel paper.
- Sec. 71. Section 42a-9-509 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2866 (a) A person may file an initial financing statement, amendment that 2867 adds collateral covered by a financing statement or amendment that 2868 adds a debtor to a financing statement only if:
- 2869 (1) The debtor authorizes the filing in [an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> 2870 record or pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) <u>of this section</u>; or
- (2) The person holds an agricultural lien that has become effective at

the time of filing and the financing statement covers only collateral in which the person holds an agricultural lien.

- (b) By [authenticating] <u>signing</u> or becoming bound as debtor by a security agreement, a debtor or new debtor authorizes the filing of an initial financing statement, and an amendment, covering:
- 2877 (1) The collateral described in the security agreement; and

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- 2878 (2) Property that becomes collateral under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-315, whether or not the security 2880 agreement expressly covers proceeds.
 - (c) By acquiring collateral in which a security interest or agricultural lien continues under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-315, a debtor authorizes the filing of an initial financing statement, and an amendment, covering the collateral and property that becomes collateral under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-315.
- 2886 (d) A person may file an amendment other than an amendment that 2887 adds collateral covered by a financing statement or an amendment that 2888 adds a debtor to a financing statement only if:
 - (1) The secured party of record authorizes the filing; or
- (2) The amendment is a termination statement for a financing statement as to which the secured party of record has failed to file or send a termination statement as required by subsection (a) or (c) of section 42a-9-513, as amended by this act, the debtor authorizes the filing, and the termination statement indicates that the debtor authorized it to be filed.
 - (e) If there is more than one secured party of record for a financing statement, each secured party of record may authorize the filing of an amendment under subsection (d) of this section.
- Sec. 72. Section 42a-9-513 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

2901 (a) A secured party shall cause the secured party of record for a 2902 financing statement to file a termination statement for the financing 2903 statement if the financing statement covers consumer goods and:

- (1) There is no obligation secured by the collateral covered by the financing statement and no commitment to make an advance, incur an obligation or otherwise give value; or
- 2907 (2) The debtor did not authorize the filing of the initial financing 2908 statement.
- 2909 (b) To comply with subsection (a) of this section, a secured party shall 2910 cause the secured party of record to file the termination statement:
- (1) Within one month after there is no obligation secured by the 2912 collateral covered by the financing statement and no commitment to 2913 make an advance, incur an obligation or otherwise give value; or
- 2914 (2) If earlier, within twenty days after the secured party receives [an 2915 authenticated a signed demand from a debtor.
 - (c) In cases not governed by subsection (a) of this section, within twenty days after a secured party receives [an authenticated] a signed demand from a debtor, the secured party shall cause the secured party of record for a financing statement to send to the debtor a termination statement for the financing statement or file the termination statement in the filing office if:
 - (1) Except in the case of a financing statement covering accounts or chattel paper that has been sold or goods that are the subject of a consignment, there is no obligation secured by the collateral covered by the financing statement and no commitment to make an advance, incur an obligation or otherwise give value;
- 2927 (2) The financing statement covers accounts or chattel paper that has 2928 been sold but as to which the account debtor or other person obligated 2929 has discharged its obligation;

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2930 (3) The financing statement covers goods that were the subject of a consignment to the debtor but are not in the debtor's possession; or

- 2932 (4) The debtor did not authorize the filing of the initial financing statement.
- 2934 (d) Except as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-510, upon the filing 2935 of a termination statement with the filing office, the financing statement 2936 to which the termination statement relates ceases to be effective. Except 2937 as otherwise provided in section 42a-9-510, for purposes of subsection 2938 (f) of section 42a-9-519, subsection (a) of section 42a-9-522 and 2939 subsection (c) of section 42a-9-523, the filing with the filing office of a 2940 termination statement relating to a financing statement that indicates 2941 that the debtor is a transmitting utility also causes the effectiveness of 2942 the financing statement to lapse.
- Sec. 73. Subsection (b) of section 42a-9-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 2945 1, 2026):
- (b) A secured party in possession of collateral or control of collateral under section 42a-7-106, as amended by this act, 42a-9-104, as amended by this act, 42a-9-105, as amended by this act, section 39 of this act, 42a-9-106, [or] 42a-9-107 or section 40 of this act has the rights and duties provided in section 42a-9-207, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 74. Section 42a-9-605 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 2953 (a) [A] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a secured party does not owe a duty based on its status as secured party:
- 2955 (1) To a person that is a debtor or obligor, unless the secured party 2956 knows:
- 2957 (A) That the person is a debtor or obligor;
- 2958 (B) The identity of the person; and

2959	(C) How to communicate with the person; or
2960	(2) To a secured party or lienholder that has filed a financing
2961	statement against a person, unless the secured party knows:
2962	(A) That the person is a debtor; and
2963	(B) The identity of the person.
2964	(b) A secured party owes a duty based on its status as a secured party
2965	to a person if, at the time the secured party obtains control of collateral
2966	that is a controllable account, controllable electronic record or
2967	controllable payment intangible, or at the time the security interest
2968	attaches to the collateral, whichever is later:
2969	(1) The person is a debtor or obligor; and
2970	(2) The secured party knows that the information in subparagraph
2971	(A), (B) or (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section relating
2972	to the person is not provided by the collateral, a record attached to or
2973	logically associated with the collateral or the system in which the
2974	collateral is recorded.
2975	[(b)] (c) What the secured party knows is to be determined in the light
2976	of the good faith obligations of the secured party.
2977	Sec. 75. Section 42a-9-608 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2978	following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2026):
2979	(a) If a security interest or agricultural lien secures payment or
2980	performance of an obligation, the following rules apply:
2981	(1) A secured party shall apply or pay over for application the cash
2982	proceeds of collection or enforcement under section 42a-9-607 in the
2983	following order to:
2984	(A) The reasonable expenses of collection and enforcement and, to
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2986	reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the secured
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- 2988 (B) The satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest or agricultural lien under which the collection or enforcement is made; and
- (C) The satisfaction of obligations secured by any subordinate security interest in or other lien on the collateral subject to the security interest or agricultural lien under which the collection or enforcement is made if the secured party receives [an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> demand for proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is completed.
 - (2) If requested by a secured party, a holder of a subordinate security interest or other lien shall furnish reasonable proof of the interest or lien within a reasonable time. Unless the holder complies, the secured party need not comply with the holder's demand under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 3000 (3) A secured party need not apply or pay over for application 3001 noncash proceeds of collection and enforcement under section 42a-9-607 3002 unless the failure to do so would be commercially unreasonable. A 3003 secured party that applies or pays over for application noncash 3004 proceeds shall do so in a commercially reasonable manner.
 - (4) A secured party shall account to and pay a debtor for any surplus, and the obligor is liable for any deficiency.
- 3007 (b) If the underlying transaction is a sale of accounts, chattel paper, 3008 payment intangibles or promissory notes, the debtor is not entitled to 3009 any surplus, and the obligor is not liable for any deficiency.
- Sec. 76. Section 42a-9-611 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 3012 (a) In this section, "notification date" means the earlier of the date on which:
- 3014 (1) A secured party sends to the debtor and any secondary obligor 3015 [an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> notification of disposition; or

3016 (2) The debtor and any secondary obligor waive the right to 3017 notification. 3018 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, a 3019 secured party that disposes of collateral under section 42a-9-610 shall 3020 send to the persons specified in subsection (c) of this section a 3021 reasonable [authenticated] <u>signed</u> notification of disposition. 3022 (c) To comply with subsection (b) of this section, the secured party 3023 shall send [an authenticated] a signed notification of disposition to: 3024 (1) The debtor; 3025 (2) Any secondary obligor; and 3026 (3) If the collateral is other than consumer goods: 3027 (A) Any other person from which the secured party has received, 3028 before the notification date, [an authenticated] a signed notification of a 3029 claim of an interest in the collateral; 3030 (B) Any other secured party or lienholder that, ten days before the 3031 notification date, held a security interest in or other lien on the collateral 3032 perfected by the filing of a financing statement that: 3033 (i) Identified the collateral; 3034 (ii) Was indexed under the debtor's name as of that date; and 3035 (iii) Was filed in the office in which to file a financing statement 3036 against the debtor covering the collateral as of that date; and 3037 (C) Any other secured party that, ten days before the notification 3038 date, held a security interest in the collateral perfected by compliance 3039 with a statute, regulation or treaty described in subsection (a) of section 3040 42a-9-311. 3041 (d) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply if the collateral is

perishable or threatens to decline speedily in value or is of a type

3043 customarily sold on a recognized market.

- 3044 (e) A secured party complies with the requirement for notification 3045 prescribed by subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of 3046 this section if:
- (1) Not later than twenty days or earlier than thirty days before the notification date, the secured party requests, in a commercially reasonable manner, information concerning financing statements indexed under the debtor's name in the office indicated in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section; and
- 3052 (2) Before the notification date, the secured party:
- (A) Did not receive a response to the request for information; or
- 3054 (B) Received a response to the request for information and sent [an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> notification of disposition to each secured party or other lienholder named in that response whose financing statement covered the collateral.
- Sec. 77. Section 42a-9-613 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 3060 (a) Except in a consumer-goods transaction, the following rules 3061 apply:
- 3062 (1) The contents of a notification of disposition are sufficient if the notification:
- 3064 (A) Describes the debtor and the secured party;
- 3065 (B) Describes the collateral that is the subject of the intended disposition;
- 3067 (C) States the method of intended disposition;
- 3068 (D) States that the debtor is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid 3069 indebtedness and states the charge, if any, for an accounting; and

3070 (E) States the time and place of a public disposition or the time after which any other disposition is to be made.

- 3072 (2) Whether the contents of a notification that lacks any of the 3073 information specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection are 3074 nevertheless sufficient is a question of fact.
- 3075 (3) The contents of a notification providing substantially the 3076 information specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection are sufficient, and 3077 even if the notification includes:
- 3078 (A) Information not specified by [that] subdivision (1) of this subsection; or
- 3080 (B) Minor errors that are not seriously misleading.
- 3081 (4) A particular phrasing of the notification is not required.
- 3082 (5) The following form of notification and the form appearing in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-614, as amended by this act, when completed in accordance with the instructions in subsection (b) of this section and subsection (b) of section 42a-9-614, as amended by this act, each provides sufficient information:
- 3087 [NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL
- To: (Name of debtor, obligor or other person to which the notification is sent)
- From: (Name, address and telephone number of secured party)
- Name of Debtor(s): (Include only if debtor(s) are not an addressee)
- 3092 (For a public disposition:)
- We will sell (or lease or license, as applicable) the (describe collateral) (to the highest qualified bidder) in public as follows:
- 3095 Day and Date:

3096	Time:
3097	Place:
3098	(For a private disposition:)
3099	We will sell (or lease or license, as applicable) the (describe
3100	collateral) privately sometime after (day and date).
3101	You are entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured
3102	by the property that we intend to sell (or lease or license, as applicable)
3103	(for a charge of \$). You may request an accounting by calling us at
3104	(telephone number)]
3105	NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL
3106	To: (Name of debtor, obligor or other person to which the notification
3107	is sent)
3108	From: (Name, address and telephone number of secured party)
3109	(A) Name of any debtor that is not an addressee: (Name of each
3110	debtor)
3111	(B) We will sell (describe collateral) (to the highest qualified bidder)
3112	at public sale. A sale could include a lease or license. The sale will be
3113	held as follows:
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3114	(Date)
3115	<u>(Time)</u>
3116	(Place)
3117	(C) We will sell (describe collateral) at private sale sometime after
3118	(date). A sale could include a lease or license.
3119	(D) You are entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness
3120	secured by the property that we intend to sell or, as applicable, lease or
3121	<u>license.</u>

3122	(E) If you request an accounting you must pay a charge of \$ (amount).
3123	(F) You may request an accounting by calling us at (telephone
3124	number).
3125	(b) The following instructions apply to the form of notification in
3126	subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section:
3127	(1) The instructions in this subsection refer to the numbers in
3128	parentheses before items in the form of notification in subdivision (5) of
3129	subsection (a) of this section. Do not include the numbers or parentheses
3130	in the notification. The numbers and parentheses are used only for the
3131	purpose of these instructions.
3132	(2) Include and complete subparagraph (A) of subdivision (5) of
3133	subsection (a) of this section only if there is a debtor that is not an
3134	addressee of the notification and list the name or names.
3135	(3) Include and complete either subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5)
3136	of subsection (a) of this section, if the notification relates to a public
3137	disposition of the collateral, or subparagraph (C) of subdivision (5) of
3138	subsection (a) of this section, if the notification relates to a private
3139	disposition of the collateral. If subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of
3140	subsection (a) of this section is included, include the words "to the
3141	highest qualified bidder" only if applicable.
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3142	(4) Include and complete subparagraphs (D) and (F) of subdivision
3143	(5) of subsection (a) of this section.
3144	(5) Include and complete subparagraph (E) of subdivision (5) of
3145	subsection (a) of this section only if the sender will charge the recipient
3146	for an accounting.
3147	Sec. 78. Section 42a-9-614 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3148	following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective January 1, 2026</i>):
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3149	(a) In a consumer-goods transaction, the following rules apply:
3150	(1) A notification of disposition must provide the following
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3151	information:
3152 3153	(A) The information specified in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-613, as amended by this act;
3154 3155	(B) A description of any liability for a deficiency of the person to which the notification is sent;
3156 3157 3158	(C) A telephone number from which the amount that must be paid to the secured party to redeem the collateral under section 42a-9-623 is available; and
3159 3160 3161	(D) A telephone number or mailing address from which additional information concerning the disposition and the obligation secured is available.
3162	(2) A particular phrasing of the notification is not required.
3163 3164 3165	(3) The following form of notification, when completed <u>in accordance</u> with the instructions in subsection (b) of this section, provides sufficient information:
3166	[(Name and address of secured party.)
3167	(Date)
3168	NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY
3169	(Name and address of any obligor who is also a debtor.)
3170	Subject: (Identification of transaction)
3171 3172	We have your (describe collateral), because you broke promises in our agreement.
3173	(For a public disposition:)
3174 3175	We will sell (describe collateral) at public sale. A sale could include a lease or license. The sale will be held as follows:

3176	Date:
3177	Time:
3178	Place:
3179	You may attend the sale and bring bidders if you want.
3180	(For a private disposition:)
3181 3182	We will sell (describe collateral) at private sale sometime after (date). A sale could include a lease or license.
3183 3184 3185 3186 3187	The money that we get from the sale (after paying our costs) will reduce the amount you owe. If we get less money than you owe, you (will or will not, as applicable) still owe us the difference. If we get more money than you owe, you will get the extra money, unless we must pay it to someone else.
3188 3189 3190 3191	You can get the property back at any time before we sell it by paying us the full amount you owe (not just the past due payments), including our expenses. To learn the exact amount you must pay, call us at (telephone number).
3192 3193 3194 3195 3196 3197	If you want us to explain to you in writing how we have figured the amount that you owe us, you may call us at (telephone number) or write us at (secured party's address) and request a written explanation. (We will charge you \$ for the explanation if we sent you another written explanation of the amount you owe us within the last six months.)
3198 3199	If you need more information about the sale call us at (telephone number) or write us at (secured party's address).
3200 3201 3202	We are sending this notice to the following other people who have an interest in (describe collateral) or who owe money under your agreement:
3203	(Names of all other debtors and obligors, if any.)]

3204	(Name and address of secured party.)
3205	(Date)
3206	NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY
3207	(Name and address of any obligor who is also a debtor.)
3208	Subject: (Identify transaction)
3209 3210	We have your (describe collateral), because you broke promises in our agreement.
3211 3212	(A) We will sell (describe collateral) at public sale. A sale could include a lease or license. The sale will be held as follows:
3213	<u>Date:</u>
3214	<u>Time:</u>
3215	<u>Place:</u>
3216	You may attend the sale and bring bidders if you want.
3217 3218	(B) We will sell (describe collateral) at private sale sometime after (date). A sale could include a lease or license.
3219 3220 3221 3222 3223	(C) The money that we get from the sale after paying our costs will reduce the amount you owe. If we get less money than you owe, you (will or will not, as applicable) still owe us the difference. If we get more money than you owe, you will get the extra money, unless we must pay it to someone else.
3224 3225 3226 3227	(D) You can get the property back at any time before we sell it by paying us the full amount you owe, not just the past due payments, including our expenses. To learn the exact amount you must pay, call us at (telephone number).
3228 3229	(E) If you want us to explain to you in (i) writing, (ii) writing or electronic record, or (iii) an electronic record (description of electronic

3230	record) how we have figured the amount that you owe us;
3231	(F) Call us at (telephone number) or write us at (secured party's
3232	address) or contact us by (description of electronic communication
3233	method);
3234	(G) And request a written explanation or an explanation in
3235	(description of electronic record).
3236	(H) We will charge you \$ (amount) for the explanation if we sent you
3237	another written explanation of the amount you owe us within the last
3238	six months.
3239	(I) If you need more information about the sale call us at (telephone
3240	number) or write us at (secured party's address) or contact us by
3241	(description of electronic communication method).
3242	(J) We are sending this notice to the following other people who have
3243	an interest in (describe collateral) or who owe money under your
3244	agreement:
3245	(Names of all other debtors and obligors, if any.)
3246	(4) A notification in the form of subdivision (3) of this subsection is
3247	sufficient, even if additional information appears at the end of the form.
3248	(5) A notification in the form of subdivision (3) of this subsection is
3249	sufficient, even if it includes errors in information not required by
3250	subdivision (1) of this subsection, unless the error is misleading with
3251	respect to rights arising under this article.
3252	(6) If a notification under this section is not in the form of subdivision
3253	(3) of this subsection, law other than this article determines the effect of
3254	including information not required by subdivision (1) of this subsection.
3255	(b) The following instructions apply to the form of notification in
3256	subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section:
3257	(1) The instructions in this subsection refer to the numbers in

parentheses before items in the form of notification in subdivision (3) of 3258 3259 subsection (a) of this section. Do not include the numbers or parentheses 3260 in the notification. The numbers and parentheses are used only for the 3261 purpose of these instructions. 3262 (2) Include and complete either subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) 3263 of subsection (a) of this section, if the notification relates to a public 3264 disposition of the collateral, or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of 3265 subsection (a) of this section, if the notification relates to a private 3266 disposition of the collateral. 3267 (3) Include and complete subparagraphs (C) to (G), inclusive, of 3268 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section. 3269 (4) In subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this 3270 section, include and complete any one of the three alternative methods 3271 for the explanation, (i) writing, (ii) writing or electronic record, or (iii) 3272 electronic record. 3273 (5) In subparagraph (F) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this 3274 section, include the telephone number. In addition, the sender may 3275 include and complete either or both of the two additional alternative methods of communication, (i) writing, or (ii) electronic 3276 3277 communication, for the recipient of the notification to communicate with the sender. Neither of the two additional methods of 3278 3279 communication is required to be included. 3280 (6) In subparagraph (G) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this 3281 section, include and complete the method or methods for the explanation, (i) writing, (ii) writing or electronic record, or (iii) electronic 3282 record, included in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) 3283 3284 of this section. 3285 (7) Include and complete subparagraph (H) of subdivision (3) of 3286 subsection (a) of this section only if a written explanation is included in 3287 subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section as a 3288 method for communicating the explanation and the sender will charge

3289 the recipient for another written explanation.

3290 (8) In subparagraph (I) of subdivision (3) of subdivision, include either the telephone number or the

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- (8) In subparagraph (I) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, include either the telephone number or the address or both the telephone number and the address. In addition, the sender may include and complete the additional method of communication, electronic communication, for the recipient of the notification to communicate with the sender. The additional method of electronic communication is not required to be included.
- 3297 (9) If subparagraph (J) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section does not apply, insert "None" after "agreement:".
- Sec. 79. Subsection (a) of section 42a-9-615 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 3301 1, 2026):
- 3302 (a) A secured party shall apply or pay over for application the cash proceeds of disposition under section 42a-9-610 in the following order to:
- 3305 (1) The reasonable expenses of retaking, holding, preparing for 3306 disposition, processing and disposing, and, to the extent provided for 3307 by agreement and not prohibited by law, reasonable attorney's fees and 3308 legal expenses incurred by the secured party;
- 3309 (2) The satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest or agricultural lien under which the disposition is made;
- 3311 (3) The satisfaction of obligations secured by any subordinate security interest in or other subordinate lien on the collateral if:
- 3313 (A) The secured party receives from the holder of the subordinate 3314 security interest or other lien [an authenticated] <u>a signed</u> demand for 3315 proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is completed; and
- 3316 (B) In a case in which a consignor has an interest in the collateral, the subordinate security interest or other lien is senior to the interest of the

3318 consignor; and 3319 (4) A secured party that is a consignor of the collateral if the secured 3320 party receives from the consignor [an authenticated] a signed demand 3321 for proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is completed. 3322 Sec. 80. Section 42a-9-616 of the general statutes is repealed and the 3323 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 3324 (a) In this section: 3325 (1) "Explanation" means a [writing] record that: 3326 (A) States the amount of the surplus or deficiency; 3327 (B) Provides an explanation in accordance with subsection (c) of this 3328 section of how the secured party calculated the surplus or deficiency; 3329 (C) States, if applicable, that future debits, credits, charges, including 3330 additional credit service charges or interest, rebates and expenses may 3331 affect the amount of the surplus or deficiency; and 3332 (D) Provides a telephone number or mailing address from which 3333 additional information concerning the transaction is available. 3334 (2) "Request" means a record: (A) [Authenticated] Signed by a debtor or consumer obligor; 3335 3336 (B) Requesting that the recipient provide an explanation; and 3337 (C) Sent after disposition of the collateral under section 42a-9-610. 3338 (b) In a consumer-goods transaction in which the debtor is entitled to 3339 a surplus or a consumer obligor is liable for a deficiency under section 3340 42a-9-615, as amended by this act, the secured party shall: 3341 (1) Send an explanation to the debtor or consumer obligor, as 3342 applicable, after the disposition and:

3343	(A) Before or when the secured party accounts to the debtor and pays
3344	any surplus or first makes [written] demand in a record on the consumer
3345	obligor after the disposition for payment of the deficiency; and
3346	(B) Within fourteen days after receipt of a request; or
3347	(2) In the case of a consumer obligor who is liable for a deficiency,
3348	within fourteen days after receipt of a request, send to the consumer
3349	obligor a record waiving the secured party's right to a deficiency.
3350	(c) To comply with subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection
3351	(a) of this section, [a writing] an explanation must provide the following
3352	information in the following order:
3353	(1) The aggregate amount of obligations secured by the security
3354	interest under which the disposition was made, and, if the amount
3355	reflects a rebate of unearned interest or credit service charge, an
3356	indication of that fact, calculated as of a specified date:
3357	(A) If the secured party takes or receives possession of the collateral
3358	after default, not more than thirty-five days before the secured party
3359	takes or receives possession; or
3360	(B) If the secured party takes or receives possession of the collateral
3361	before default or does not take possession of the collateral, not more
3362	than thirty-five days before the disposition;
3363	(2) The amount of proceeds of the disposition;
3364	(3) The aggregate amount of the obligations after deducting the
3365	amount of proceeds;
3366	(4) The amount, in the aggregate or by type, and types of expenses,
3367	including expenses of retaking, holding, preparing for disposition,
3368	processing and disposing of the collateral, and attorney's fees secured
3369	by the collateral which are known to the secured party and relate to the
3370	current disposition;
3371	(5) The amount, in the aggregate or by type, and types of credits,

including rebates of interest or credit service charges, to which the obligor is known to be entitled and which are not reflected in the

- amount in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and
- 3375 (6) The amount of the surplus or deficiency.
- (d) A particular phrasing of the explanation is not required. An explanation complying substantially with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section is sufficient, even if it includes minor errors that are not seriously misleading.
- (e) A debtor or consumer obligor is entitled without charge to one response to a request under this section during any six-month period in which the secured party did not send to the debtor or consumer obligor an explanation pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section. The secured party may require payment of a charge not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each additional response.
- Sec. 81. Subsection (a) of section 42a-9-619 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 3388 1, 2026):
- (a) In this section, "transfer statement" means a record [authenticated] signed by a secured party stating:
- 3391 (1) That the debtor has defaulted in connection with an obligation secured by specified collateral;
- 3393 (2) That the secured party has exercised its post-default remedies with respect to the collateral;
- 3395 (3) That, by reason of the exercise, a transferee has acquired the rights of the debtor in the collateral; and
- 3397 (4) The name and mailing address of the secured party, debtor and transferee.
- Sec. 82. Section 42a-9-620 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

3401 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a 3402 secured party may accept collateral in full or partial satisfaction of the 3403 obligation it secures only if: 3404 (1) The debtor consents to the acceptance under subsection (c) of this 3405 section; 3406 (2) The secured party does not receive, within the time set forth in 3407 subsection (d) of this section, a notification of objection to the proposal 3408 [authenticated] <u>signed</u> by: 3409 (A) A person to which the secured party was required to send a 3410 proposal under section 42a-9-621, as amended by this act; or 3411 (B) Any other person, other than the debtor, holding an interest in the 3412 collateral subordinate to the security interest that is the subject of the 3413 proposal; 3414 (3) If the collateral is consumer goods, the collateral is not in the 3415 possession of the debtor when the debtor consents to the acceptance; 3416 and 3417 (4) Subsection (e) of this section does not require the secured party to 3418 dispose of the collateral or the debtor waives the requirement pursuant 3419 to section 42a-9-624, as amended by this act. 3420 (b) A purported or apparent acceptance of collateral under this 3421 section is ineffective unless: 3422 (1) The secured party consents to the acceptance in [an authenticated] 3423 a signed record or sends a proposal to the debtor; and 3424 (2) The conditions of subsection (a) of this section are met. 3425 (c) For purposes of this section: 3426 (1) A debtor consents to an acceptance of collateral in partial 3427 satisfaction of the obligation it secures only if the debtor agrees to the 3428 terms of the acceptance in a record [authenticated] signed after default;

3429 and 3430 (2) A debtor consents to an acceptance of collateral in full satisfaction 3431 of the obligation it secures only if the debtor agrees to the terms of the 3432 acceptance in a record [authenticated] signed after default or the 3433 secured party: 3434 (A) Sends to the debtor after default a proposal that is unconditional 3435 or subject only to a condition that collateral not in the possession of the 3436 secured party be preserved or maintained; 3437 (B) In the proposal, proposes to accept collateral in full satisfaction of 3438 the obligation it secures; and 3439 (C) Does not receive a notification of objection [authenticated] signed 3440 by the debtor within twenty days after the proposal is sent. 3441 (d) To be effective under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this 3442 section, a notification of objection must be received by the secured party: 3443 (1) In the case of a person to which the proposal was sent pursuant to 3444 section 42a-9-621, as amended by this act, within twenty days after 3445 notification was sent to that person; and 3446 (2) In other cases: 3447 (A) Within twenty days after the last notification was sent pursuant 3448 to section 42a-9-621, as amended by this act; or 3449 (B) If a notification was not sent, before the debtor consents to the 3450 acceptance under subsection (c) of this section. 3451 (e) A secured party that has taken possession of collateral shall 3452 dispose of the collateral pursuant to section 42a-9-610 within the time 3453 specified in subsection (f) of this section if:

(1) Sixty per cent of the cash price has been paid in the case of a

purchase-money security interest in consumer goods; or

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3456 (2) Sixty per cent of the principal amount of the obligation secured 3457 has been paid in the case of a non-purchase-money security interest in 3458 consumer goods. 3459 (f) To comply with subsection (e) of this section, the secured party 3460 shall dispose of the collateral: 3461 (1) Within ninety days after taking possession; or 3462 (2) Within any longer period to which the debtor and all secondary 3463 obligors have agreed in an agreement to that effect entered into and 3464 [authenticated] signed after default. 3465 (g) In a consumer transaction, a secured party may not accept 3466 collateral in partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures. 3467 (h) Nothing in subsection (b) of this section shall prohibit a consumer 3468 in a consumer goods transaction from proving that the secured party 3469 has agreed to accept the collateral in full satisfaction of the obligation by 3470 means other than [an authenticated] a signed record. 3471 Sec. 83. Section 42A-9-621 of the general statutes is repealed and the 3472 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*): 3473 (a) A secured party that desires to accept collateral in full or partial 3474 satisfaction of the obligation it secures shall send its proposal to: 3475 (1) Any person from which the secured party has received, before the 3476 debtor consented to the acceptance, [an authenticated] a signed 3477 notification of a claim of an interest in the collateral; 3478 (2) Any other secured party or lienholder that, ten days before the debtor consented to the acceptance, held a security interest in or other 3479 3480 lien on the collateral perfected by the filing of a financing statement that: 3481 (A) Identified the collateral; 3482 (B) Was indexed under the debtor's name as of that date; and

3483 (C) Was filed in the office or offices in which to file a financing 3484 statement against the debtor covering the collateral as of that date; and

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- (3) Any other secured party that, ten days before the debtor consented to the acceptance, held a security interest in the collateral perfected by compliance with a statute, regulation or treaty described in subsection (a) of section 42a-9-311.
- 3489 (b) A secured party that desires to accept collateral in partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures shall send its proposal to any secondary obligor in addition to the persons described in subsection (a) of this section.
- Sec. 84. Section 42a-9-624 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (a) A debtor or secondary obligor may waive the right to notification of disposition of collateral under section 42a-9-611, as amended by this act, only by an agreement to that effect entered into and [authenticated] signed after default.
- (b) A debtor may waive the right to require disposition of collateral under subsection (e) of section 42a-9-620, as amended by this act, only by an agreement to that effect entered into and [authenticated] signed after default.
- 3503 (c) Except in a consumer-goods transaction, a debtor or secondary 3504 obligor may waive the right to redeem collateral under section 42a-9-3505 623 only by an agreement to that effect entered into and [authenticated] 3506 <u>signed</u> after default.
- Sec. 85. Section 42a-9-628 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (a) [Unless] <u>Subject to subsection (f) of this section, unless</u> a secured party knows that a person is a debtor or obligor, knows the identity of the person and knows how to communicate with the person:

3512 3513 3514	(1) The secured party is not liable to the person, or to a secured party or lienholder that has filed a financing statement against the person, for failure to comply with this article; and
3515 3516	(2) The secured party's failure to comply with this article does not affect the liability of the person for a deficiency.
3517 3518	(b) [A] <u>Subject to subsection (f) of this section, a</u> secured party is not liable because of its status as secured party:
3519 3520	(1) To a person that is a debtor or obligor, unless the secured party knows:
3521	(A) That the person is a debtor or obligor;
3522	(B) The identity of the person; and
3523	(C) How to communicate with the person; or
3524 3525	(2) To a secured party or lienholder that has filed a financing statement against a person, unless the secured party knows:
3526	(A) That the person is a debtor; and
3527	(B) The identity of the person.
3528 3529 3530 3531 3532 3533	(c) A secured party is not liable to any person, and a person's liability for a deficiency is not affected, because of any act or omission arising out of the secured party's reasonable belief that a transaction is not a consumer-goods transaction or a consumer transaction or that goods are not consumer goods, if the secured party's belief is based on its reasonable reliance on:
3534 3535	(1) A debtor's representation concerning the purpose for which collateral was to be used, acquired or held; or
3536 3537	(2) An obligor's representation concerning the purpose for which a secured obligation was incurred.
3538	(d) A secured party is not liable to any person under subdivision (2)

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of subsection (c) of section 42a-9-625 for its failure to comply with section 42a-9-616, as amended by this act.

- (e) A secured party is not liable under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 42a-9-625 more than once with respect to any one secured obligation.
- (f) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to limit the liability of a secured party to a person if, at the time the secured party obtains control of collateral that is a controllable account, controllable electronic record or controllable payment intangible, or at the time the security interest attaches to the collateral, whichever is later:
 - (1) The person is a debtor or obligor; and

- (2) The secured party knows that the information in subparagraph
 (A), (B) or (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section relating
 to the person is not provided by the collateral, a record attached to or
 logically associated with the collateral or the system in which the
 collateral is recorded.
- Sec. 86. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) Sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act may be cited as Uniform Commercial Code—Controllable Electronic Records.
- 3558 Sec. 87. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) In sections 86 to 92, 3559 inclusive, of this act:
- (1) "Controllable electronic record" means a record stored in an electronic medium that can be subjected to control under section 90 of this act. The term does not include a controllable account, a controllable payment intangible, a deposit account, an electronic copy of a record evidencing chattel paper, an electronic document of title, electronic money, investment property or a transferable record.
- 3566 (2) "Qualifying purchaser" means a purchaser of a controllable 3567 electronic record or an interest in a controllable electronic record that 3568 obtains control of the controllable electronic record for value, in good

faith, and without notice of a claim of a property right in the controllable electronic record.

- 3571 (3) "Transferable record" has the meaning provided for that term in:
- 3572 (A) Section 201(a)(1) of the Electronic Signatures in Global and
- National Commerce Act, 15 USC 7021(a)(1), as amended from time to
- 3574 time; or
- 3575 (B) Subsection (a) of section 1-281 of the general statutes.
- 3576 (4) "Value" has the meaning provided in subsection (a) of section 42a-
- 3577 3-303 of the general statutes, as if references in said subsection to an
- 3578 "instrument" were references to a controllable account, controllable
- 3579 electronic record or controllable payment intangible.
- 3580 (b) The definitions in article 9, as amended by this act, of "account
- 3581 debtor", "controllable account", "controllable payment intangible",
- "chattel paper", "deposit account", "electronic money" and "investment
- 3583 property" apply to sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act.
- 3584 (c) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of
- 3585 construction and interpretation applicable throughout this article.
- Sec. 88. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) If there is conflict between
- 3587 sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act and article 9, as amended by this
- act, article 9, as amended by this act, governs.
- 3589 (b) A transaction subject to sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act, is
- 3590 subject to any applicable rule of law that establishes a different rule for
- 3591 consumers and (1) any other statute or regulation that regulates the
- 3592 rates, charges, agreements and practices for loans, credit sales or other
- 3593 extensions of credit, and (2) any consumer protection statute or
- 3594 regulation.
- Sec. 89. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) This section applies to the
- 3596 acquisition and purchase of rights in a controllable account or
- 3597 controllable payment intangible, including the rights and benefits under

subsections (c), (d), (e), (g) and (h) of this section of a purchaser and qualifying purchaser, in the same manner this section applies to a controllable electronic record.

- (b) To determine whether a purchaser of a controllable account or a controllable payment intangible is a qualifying purchaser, the purchaser obtains control of the account or payment intangible if it obtains control of the controllable electronic record that evidences the account or payment intangible.
- (c) Except as provided in this section, law other than sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act determines whether a person acquires a right in a controllable electronic record and the right the person acquires.
- (d) A purchaser of a controllable electronic record acquires all rights in the controllable electronic record that the transferor had or had power to transfer, except that a purchaser of a limited interest in a controllable electronic record acquires rights only to the extent of the interest purchased.
- (e) A qualifying purchaser acquires its rights in the controllable electronic record free of a claim of a property right in the controllable electronic record.
- (f) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (e) of this section for a controllable account and a controllable payment intangible or law other than sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act, a qualifying purchaser takes a right to payment, right to performance or other interest in property evidenced by the controllable electronic record subject to a claim of a property right in the right to payment, right to performance or other interest in property.
- (g) An action may not be asserted against a qualifying purchaser based on both a purchase by the qualifying purchaser of a controllable electronic record and a claim of a property right in another controllable electronic record, whether the action is framed in conversion, replevin, constructive trust, equitable lien or other theory.

3629 3630	(h) Filing of a financing statement under article 9, as amended by this act, is not notice of a claim of a property right in a controllable electronic
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3632	Sec. 90. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) A person has control of a
3633	controllable electronic record if the electronic record, a record attached
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3635	the electronic record is recorded:
3636	(1) Gives the person:
3637	(A) Power to avail itself of substantially all the benefit from the
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3639	(B) Exclusive power, subject to subsection (b) of this section, to:
3640	(i) Prevent others from availing themselves of substantially all the
3641	benefit from the electronic record; and
3642	(ii) Transfer control of the electronic record to another person or cause
3643	another person to obtain control of another controllable electronic
3644	record as a result of the transfer of the electronic record; and
3645	(2) Enables the person readily to identify itself in any way, including
3646	by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office or account
3647	number, as having the powers specified in subdivision (1) of this
3648	subsection.
3649	(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a power is exclusive under
3650	subparagraphs (B)(i) and (B)(ii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
3651	this section even if:
3652	(1) The controllable electronic record, a record attached to or logically
3653	associated with the electronic record or a system in which the electronic
3654	record is recorded limits the use of the electronic record or has a protocol
3655	programmed to cause a change, including a transfer or loss of control or
3656	a modification of benefits afforded by the electronic record; or
3657	(2) The power is shared with another person.

3658 (c) A power of a person is not shared with another person under 3659 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and the person's power 3660 is not exclusive if:

- (1) The person can exercise the power only if the power also is exercised by the other person; and
- 3663 (2) The other person:

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- 3664 (A) Can exercise the power without exercise of the power by the 3665 person; or
- 3666 (B) Is the transferor to the person of an interest in the controllable 3667 electronic record or a controllable account or controllable payment 3668 intangible evidenced by the controllable electronic record.
- 3669 (d) If a person has the powers specified in subparagraphs (B)(i) and 3670 (B)(ii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the powers are presumed to be exclusive.
- (e) A person has control of a controllable electronic record if another person, other than the transferor to the person of an interest in the controllable electronic record or a controllable account or controllable payment intangible evidenced by the controllable electronic record:
 - (1) Has control of the electronic record and acknowledges that it has control on behalf of the person; or
- 3678 (2) Obtains control of the electronic record after having 3679 acknowledged that it will obtain control of the electronic record on 3680 behalf of the person.
- 3681 (f) A person that has control under this section is not required to acknowledge that it has control on behalf of another person.
- 3683 (g) If a person acknowledges that it has or will obtain control on 3684 behalf of another person, unless the person otherwise agrees or law 3685 other than sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act or article 9, as amended 3686 by this act, otherwise provides, the person does not owe any duty to the

other person and is not required to confirm the acknowledgment to any other person.

- Sec. 91. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) An account debtor on a controllable account or controllable payment intangible may discharge its obligation by paying:
- 3692 (1) The person having control of the controllable electronic record 3693 that evidences the controllable account or controllable payment 3694 intangible; or
- 3695 (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person that formerly had control of the controllable electronic record.
- 3697 (b) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the account debtor may 3698 not discharge its obligation by paying a person that formerly had control 3699 of the controllable electronic record if the account debtor receives a 3700 notification that:
- 3701 (1) Is signed by a person that formerly had control or the person to which control was transferred;
- 3703 (2) Reasonably identifies the controllable account or controllable 3704 payment intangible;
- 3705 (3) Notifies the account debtor that control of the controllable 3706 electronic record that evidences the controllable account or controllable 3707 payment intangible was transferred;
- 3708 (4) Identifies the transferee, in any reasonable way, including by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office or account number; 3710 and
- 3711 (5) Provides a commercially reasonable method by which the account debtor is to pay the transferee.
- 3713 (c) After receipt of a notification that complies with subsection (b) of 3714 this section, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying 3715 in accordance with the notification and may not discharge the obligation

- 3716 by paying a person that formerly had control.
- 3717 (d) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, notification is ineffective 3718 under subsection (b) of this section:
- (1) Unless, before the notification is sent, the account debtor and the person that, at that time, had control of the controllable electronic record that evidences the controllable account or controllable payment intangible agree in a signed record to a commercially reasonable method by which a person may furnish reasonable proof that control has been transferred;
 - (2) To the extent an agreement between the account debtor and seller of a payment intangible limits the account debtor's duty to pay a person other than the seller and the limitation is effective under law other than sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act; or
- 3729 (3) At the option of the account debtor, if the notification notifies the account debtor to:
- 3731 (A) Divide a payment;

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- 3732 (B) Make less than the full amount of an installment or other periodic 3733 payment; or
- 3734 (C) Pay any part of a payment by more than one method or to more 3735 than one person.
 - (e) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, if requested by the account debtor, the person giving the notification under subsection (b) of this section shall seasonably furnish reasonable proof, using the method in the agreement referred to in subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section, that control of the controllable electronic record has been transferred. Unless the person complies with the request, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying a person that formerly had control, even if the account debtor has received a notification under subsection (b) of this section.

(f) A person furnishes reasonable proof under subsection (e) of this section that control has been transferred if the person demonstrates, using the method in the agreement referred to in subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section, that the transferree has the power to:

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- (1) Avail itself of substantially all the benefit from the controllable electronic record;
- 3751 (2) Prevent others from availing themselves of substantially all the 3752 benefit from the controllable electronic record; and
- 3753 (3) Transfer the powers specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection to another person.
- 3755 (g) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, an account debtor may not 3756 waive or vary its rights under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this 3757 section and subsection (e) of this section, or its option under subdivision 3758 (3) of subsection (d) of this section.
- (h) This section is subject to law other than sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act, which establishes a different rule for an account debtor who is an individual and who incurred the obligation primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- Sec. 92. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the local law of a controllable electronic record's jurisdiction governs a matter covered by sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act.
 - (b) For a controllable electronic record that evidences a controllable account or controllable payment intangible, the local law of the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction governs a matter covered by section 91 of this act, unless an effective agreement determines that the local law of another jurisdiction governs.
- 3772 (c) The following rules determine a controllable electronic record's jurisdiction under this section:

(1) If the controllable electronic record, or a record attached to or logically associated with the controllable electronic record and readily available for review, expressly provides that a particular jurisdiction is the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction for purposes of sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act or the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted in this title, that jurisdiction is the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction.

- (2) If subdivision (1) of this subsection does not apply and the rules of the system in which the controllable electronic record is recorded are readily available for review and expressly provide that a particular jurisdiction is the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction for purposes of sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act or the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted in this title, that jurisdiction is the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction.
- (3) If subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection do not apply and the controllable electronic record, or a record attached to or logically associated with the controllable electronic record and readily available for review, expressly provides that the controllable electronic record is governed by the law of a particular jurisdiction, that jurisdiction is the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction.
 - (4) If subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection do not apply and the rules of the system in which the controllable electronic record is recorded are readily available for review and expressly provide that the controllable electronic record or the system is governed by the law of a particular jurisdiction, that jurisdiction is the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction.
 - (5) If subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection do not apply, the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction is the District of Columbia.
- 3803 (d) If subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section applies and 3804 sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act are not in effect in the District of 3805 Columbia without material modification, the governing law for a matter

covered by sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act is the law of the District of Columbia as though sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act were in effect in the District of Columbia without material modification. In this subsection, "sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act" means Article 12 of Uniform Commercial Code Amendments (2022).

- (e) To the extent subsections (a) and (b) of this section provide that the local law of the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction governs a matter covered by this article, that law governs even if the matter or a transaction to which the matter relates does not bear any relation to the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction.
- 3816 (f) The rights acquired under section 89 of this act by a purchaser or 3817 qualifying purchaser are governed by the law applicable under this 3818 section at the time of purchase.
- Sec. 93. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) Sections 93 to 101, inclusive, of this act may be cited as Transitional Provisions for Uniform Commercial Code Amendments (2022).
- 3822 Sec. 94. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) In sections 93 to 101, 3823 inclusive, of this act:
- 3824 (1) "Adjustment date" means January 1, 2027.

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- 3825 (2) "Sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act" means Article 12 of the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted in this title.
- 3827 (3) "Article 12 property" means a controllable account, controllable electronic record or controllable payment intangible.
- 3829 (b) The following definitions in other articles of the Uniform 3830 Commercial Code, as adopted in this title, apply to sections 93 to 101, 3831 inclusive, of this act:
 - T82 "Controllable account". Section 42a-9-102 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
 - T83 "Controllable electronic record". Section 87 of this act.

"Controllable payment intangible". Section 42a-9-102 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

- T85 "Electronic money". Section 42a-9-102 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- T86 "Financing statement". Section 42a-9-102 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- 3832 (c) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout sections 93 to 3834 101, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 95. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) Except as provided in sections 96 to 101, inclusive, of this act, a transaction validly entered into before January 1, 2026, and the rights, duties and interests flowing from the transaction remain valid thereafter and may be terminated, completed, consummated or enforced as required or permitted by law other than the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted in this title, or, if applicable, this title, as though this act had not taken effect.
- Sec. 96. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) Except as provided in sections 93 and 94 of this act, article 9, as amended by this act, and sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act apply to a transaction, lien or other interest in property, even if the transaction, lien or interest was entered into, created or acquired before January 1, 2026.
- 3847 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and sections 97 to 101, inclusive, of this act:
- 3849 (1) A transaction, lien or interest in property that was validly entered 3850 into, created or transferred before January 1, 2026, and was not 3851 governed by the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted in this title, but 3852 would be subject to article 9, as amended by this act, or sections 86 to 92, 3853 inclusive, of this act if it had been entered into, created or transferred on 3854 or after January 1, 2026, including the rights, duties and interests 3855 flowing from the transaction, lien or interest, remains valid on and after 3856 January 1, 2026; and

3857 (2) The transaction, lien or interest may be terminated, completed, consummated and enforced as required or permitted by this act or by the law that would apply if this act had not taken effect.

- 3860 (c) This act does not affect an action, case or proceeding commenced 3861 before January 1, 2026.
- Sec. 97. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) A security interest that is enforceable and perfected immediately before January 1, 2026, is a perfected security interest under this act if, on January 1, 2026, the requirements for enforceability and perfection under this act are satisfied without further action.
- 3867 (b) If a security interest is enforceable and perfected immediately 3868 before January 1, 2026, but the requirements for enforceability or 3869 perfection under this act are not satisfied on January 1, 2026, the security 3870 interest:
- 3871 (1) Is a perfected security interest until the earlier of the time 3872 perfection would have ceased under the law in effect immediately 3873 before January 1, 2026, or the adjustment date;
- 3874 (2) Remains enforceable thereafter only if the security interest 3875 satisfies the requirements for enforceability under section 42a-9-203 of 3876 the general statutes, as amended by this act, before the adjustment date; 3877 and
- 3878 (3) Remains perfected thereafter only if the requirements for 3879 perfection under this act are satisfied before the time specified in 3880 subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- Sec. 98. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) A security interest that is enforceable immediately before January 1, 2026, but is unperfected at that time:
- 3884 (1) Remains an enforceable security interest until the adjustment date;
- 3885 (2) Remains enforceable thereafter if the security interest becomes

enforceable under section 42a-9-203 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, on January 1, 2026, or before the adjustment date; and

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- 3889 (A) Without further action, on January 1, 2026, if the requirements for perfection under this act are satisfied before or at that time; or
- 3891 (B) When the requirements for perfection are satisfied if the requirements are satisfied after that time.
 - Sec. 99. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) If action, other than the filing of a financing statement, is taken before January 1, 2026, and the action would have resulted in perfection of the security interest had the security interest become enforceable before January 1, 2026, the action is effective to perfect a security interest that attaches under this act before the adjustment date. An attached security interest becomes unperfected on the adjustment date unless the security interest becomes a perfected security interest under this act before the adjustment date.
 - (b) The filing of a financing statement before January 1, 2026, is effective to perfect a security interest on January 1, 2026, to the extent the filing would satisfy the requirements for perfection under this act.
 - (c) The taking of an action before January 1, 2026, is sufficient for the enforceability of a security interest on January 1, 2026, if the action would satisfy the requirements for enforceability under this act.
- Sec. 100. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this act determines the priority of conflicting claims to collateral.
- 3910 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, if the priorities of claims 3911 to collateral were established before January 1, 2026, article 9, as in effect 3912 before January 1, 2026, determines priority.
- 3913 (c) On the adjustment date, to the extent the priorities determined by article 9, as amended by this act, modify the priorities established before

January 1, 2026, the priorities of claims to article 12 property and electronic money established before January 1, 2026, cease to apply.

- Sec. 101. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act determine the priority of conflicting claims to article 12 property when the priority rules of article 9, as amended by this act, do not apply.
- (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, when the priority rules of article 9, as amended by this act, do not apply and the priorities of claims to article 12 property were established before January 1, 2026, law other than sections 86 to 92, inclusive, of this act determines priority.
- 3925 (c) When the priority rules of article 9, as amended by this act, do not apply, to the extent the priorities determined by this act modify the priorities established before January 1, 2026, the priorities of claims to article 12 property established before January 1, 2026, cease to apply on the adjustment date.
- Sec. 102. Section 1-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - Unless the context of any statute requires a different interpretation, all words and terms appearing in any statute and relating to security in personal property shall be construed to mean their counterparts in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, and chapter 748. In particular "chattel mortgage", "conditional sale contract" or "lien" on personal property, except a lien of the type to which chapter 748 does not apply under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 42a-9-109, shall be construed to mean "security interest"; "mortgagor" and "conditional vendee" shall be construed to mean "debtor"; "mortgagee" and "conditional vendor" shall be construed to mean "secured party".
- Sec. 103. Subsection (d) of section 1-281 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 3945 1, 2026):

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(d) Except as otherwise agreed, a person having control of a transferable record is the holder, as defined in [subdivision (21) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, or other similar law, of the transferable record and has the same rights and defenses as a holder of an equivalent record or writing under the Uniform Commercial Code, or other similar law, including, if the applicable statutory requirements under subsection (a) of section 42a-3-302 or section 42a-7-501 or 42a-9-308, or other similar law, are satisfied, the rights and defenses of a holder in due course, a holder to which a negotiable document of title has been duly negotiated or a purchaser, respectively. Delivery, possession and endorsement are not required to obtain or exercise any of the rights under this subsection.

Sec. 104. Subsection (a) of section 12-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):

(a) Whenever used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires: (1) "Goods" means goods, as defined in [subdivision (44) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act; (2) "proceeds" means proceeds, as defined in [subdivision (64) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act; (3) "debtor" means the taxpayer; (4) "secured party" means the state of Connecticut; (5) "collateral" means property which is the subject of the tax lien; (6) "obligations" means amount of tax and accrued penalties and interest claimed to be due the state in relation to the tax lien; (7) "person" means any individual, trust, partnership, association, company, limited liability company or corporation; (8) "purchase money security interest" means purchase money security interest, as defined in section 42a-9-103a; (9) "commercial transactions financing agreement" means an agreement entered into by a person in the course of his trade or business to make loans to the taxpayer, part or all of the security for repayment of any such loan being inventory acquired by the taxpayer in the ordinary course of trade or business; (10) "qualified property" when used with respect to a commercial transactions financing agreement, means inventory; (11) "obligatory disbursement agreement" means an

agreement, entered into by a person in the course of trade or business, 3980 3981 to make disbursements but such an agreement shall be considered 3982 within this term only to the extent of disbursements which are required 3983 to be made by reason of the intervention of the rights of a person other 3984 than the taxpayer; (12) "qualified property" when used with respect to 3985 obligatory disbursement agreement, means property subject to the lien 3986 imposed in accordance with this section, at the time of tax lien filing and, 3987 to the extent that the acquisition is directly traceable to the 3988 disbursements under an obligatory disbursement agreement, property 3989 acquired by the taxpayer after the time of tax lien filing; (13) "inventory" 3990 means inventory, as defined in [subdivision (48) of subsection (a) of] 3991 section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act; (14) "lien creditor" means lien 3992 creditor, as defined in [subdivision (52) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-3993 9-102, as amended by this act; (15) "account" means account, as defined 3994 in [subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by 3995 this act; (16) "chattel paper" means chattel paper, as defined in 3996 [subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by 3997 this act; (17) "commercial tort claim" means commercial tort claim, as 3998 defined in [subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as 3999 amended by this act; (18) "deposit account" means deposit account, as 4000 defined in [subdivision (29) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as 4001 amended by this act; (19) "document" means document, as defined in 4002 [subdivision (30) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by 4003 this act; (20) "general intangible" means general intangible, as defined in 4004 [subdivision (42) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by 4005 this act; (21) "instrument" means instrument, as defined in [subdivision 4006 (47) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act; (22) 4007 "investment property" means investment property, as defined in 4008 [subdivision (49) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act; (23) "filing office" means filing office, as defined in [subdivision 4009 4010 (37) of subsection (a) of section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act; and 4011 (24) "state" means state, as defined in [subdivision (77) of subsection (a) 4012 of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act, except that "the state" or 4013 "this state" means the state of Connecticut.

Sec. 105. Subparagraph (C) of subdivision (70) of section 12-81 of the

general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

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(C) The state and the municipality and district shall hold a security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, in any machinery or equipment which is exempt from taxation pursuant to this subdivision, in an amount equal to the tax revenue reimbursed or lost, as the case may be, which shall be subordinate to any purchase money security interest, as defined in section 42a-9-103a. Such security interest shall be enforceable against the taxpayer for a period of five years after the last assessment year in which such exemption was received in any case in which the business organization ceases all business operations or moves its business operations entirely out of this state. Any assessor who has granted an exemption under this subdivision shall provide written notification to the secretary of the cessation of such operations or the move of such operations entirely out of this state. Such notification may be made at any time after the October first of the last assessment year in which such exemption is granted and before the September thirtieth that is five years after the conclusion of said assessment year. Upon receiving such notification and complying with the provisions of section 12-35a, as amended by this act, the state shall have a lien upon the machinery or equipment situated in this state and owned by the person that ceased all business operations or moved such operations entirely out of this state. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-35a, as amended by this act, the total amount of the reimbursement made by the state for the property tax exemptions granted to the person under the provisions of this subdivision, shall be deemed to be the amount of the tax which such person failed to pay. Notwithstanding said section 12-35a, the information required to be included in the notice of lien for said tax shall be as follows: (i) The owner of the property upon which the lien is claimed, (ii) the business address or residence address of such owner, (iii) the specific property claimed to be subject to such lien, (iv) the location of such property at the time it was last made tax-exempt pursuant to this subdivision, (v) the total amount of the reimbursement made by the state for the property tax exemptions granted to such

4050 owner under the provisions of this subdivision, and (vi) the tax period 4051 or periods for which such lien is claimed. If more than one agency of the 4052 state perfects such a notice of lien on the same day, the priority of such 4053 liens shall be determined by the time of day such liens were perfected, 4054 and if perfected at the same time, the lien for the highest amount shall 4055 have priority. In addition to the other remedies provided in this 4056 subdivision, the Attorney General, upon request of the secretary, may 4057 bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the 4058 amount of tax revenue reimbursed by the state from any person who 4059 received an exemption under this subdivision;

- Sec. 106. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 12-195a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (a) "Goods" means goods as defined in [subdivision (44) of subsection (4064) (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act;
- 4065 (b) "Proceeds" means proceeds as defined in [subdivision (64) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act;
- Sec. 107. Subdivision (1) of section 12-195f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 4069 1, 2026):
- 4070 (1) With respect to a security interest which came into existence after 4071 tax lien filing but which (A) is in qualified property covered by the terms 4072 of a written agreement entered into before tax lien filing and 4073 constituting (i) a commercial transactions financing agreement, or (ii) an 4074 obligatory disbursement agreement, and (B) is protected under the laws 4075 of the state of Connecticut against a judgment lien arising, as of the time 4076 of tax lien filing, out of an unsecured obligation. (C) For purposes of this 4077 section, (i) the term "commercial transactions financing agreement" 4078 means an agreement, entered into by a person in the course of such 4079 person's trade or business, to make loans to the taxpayer, part or all of 4080 the security for repayment of said loans being inventory acquired by the 4081 taxpayer in the ordinary course of such taxpayer's trade or business, but

4082 such an agreement shall be treated as coming within the term only to 4083 the extent that such loan is made before the forty-sixth day after the date 4084 of tax lien filing or before the lender had actual notice or knowledge of 4085 such tax lien filing, whichever is earlier. (ii) The term "qualified 4086 property", when used with respect to a commercial transactions 4087 financing agreement, means inventory acquired by the taxpayer before 4088 the forty-sixth day after the date of tax lien filing. (iii) The term 4089 "obligatory disbursement agreement" means an agreement, entered into 4090 by a person in the course of such person's trade or business, to make 4091 disbursements, but such an agreement shall be treated as coming within 4092 the term only to the extent of disbursements which are required to be 4093 made by reason of the intervention of the rights of a person other than 4094 the taxpayer. (iv) The term "qualified property", when used with respect 4095 to an obligatory disbursement agreement, means property subject to the 4096 lien imposed by sections 12-195a to 12-195g, inclusive, as amended by 4097 this act, at the time of tax lien filing and, to the extent that the acquisition 4098 is directly traceable to the disbursements referred to in subparagraph 4099 (iii), property acquired by the taxpayer after tax lien filing. (v) The term 4100 "inventory" when used in this section means inventory as defined in 4101 [subdivision (48) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by 4102 this act;

- Sec. 108. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (15) of section 12-407 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 4106 (15) (A) "Engaged in business in the state" means and, to the extent 4107 not prohibited by the Constitution of the United States, includes, but 4108 shall not be limited to, the following acts or methods of transacting 4109 business:
- 4110 (i) Selling in this state, or any activity in this state in connection with 4111 selling in this state, tangible personal property for use, storage or 4112 consumption within the state;
- 4113 (ii) Engaging in the transfer for a consideration of the occupancy of 4114 any room or rooms in a hotel, lodging house or bed and breakfast

4115 establishment for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less;

4116 (iii) Rendering in this state any service described in any of the 4117 subparagraphs of subdivision (2) of this subsection;

- (iv) Maintaining, occupying or using, permanently or temporarily, directly or indirectly, through a subsidiary or agent, by whatever name called, any office, place of distribution, sales or sample room or place, warehouse or storage point or other place of business or having any representative, agent, salesman, canvasser or solicitor operating in this state for the purpose of selling, delivering or taking orders;
- (v) Selling tangible personal property or services from outside this state to a destination within this state, provided at least one hundred thousand dollars of gross receipts are received and two hundred or more retail sales from outside this state to destinations within this state are made during the twelve-month period ended on the September thirtieth immediately preceding the monthly or quarterly period with respect to which liability for tax under this chapter is determined;
- (vi) Being owned or controlled, either directly or indirectly, by a retailer engaged in business in this state which is the same as or similar to the line of business in which the retailer so owned or controlled is engaged;
- (vii) Being owned or controlled, either directly or indirectly, by the same interests that own or control, either directly or indirectly, a retailer engaged in business in this state which is the same as or similar to the line of business in which the retailer so owned or controlled is engaged;
- (viii) Being the assignee of a person engaged in the business of leasing tangible personal property to others, where leased property of such person is situated within this state and such assignee has a security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, in such property;
- 4144 (ix) Notwithstanding the fact that retail sales of items of tangible 4145 personal property are made from outside this state to a destination

within this state, repairing or servicing such items, under a warranty, in this state, either directly or indirectly through an agent, independent contractor or subsidiary; and

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- (x) Selling tangible personal property or services through an agreement with a person located in this state, under which such person located in this state, for a commission or other consideration that is based upon the sale of tangible personal property or services by the retailer, directly or indirectly refers potential customers, whether by a link on an Internet web site or otherwise, to the retailer, provided the cumulative gross receipts from sales by the retailer to customers in the state who are referred to the retailer by all such persons with this type of agreement with the retailer is in excess of one hundred thousand dollars during the four preceding four quarterly periods ending on the last day of March, June, September and December.
- Sec. 109. Subdivisions (7) and (8) of section 14-165 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- (7) "Security agreement" means a "security agreement" as defined in [subdivision (74) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act;
- 4166 (8) "Security interest" means a "security interest" as defined in 4167 [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by 4168 this act;
- Sec. 110. Subdivisions (36) and (37) of section 15-202 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1*, 2026):
- 4172 (36) "Consumer goods" has the same meaning as provided in 4173 [subdivision (23) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by 4174 this act;
- 4175 (37) "Debtor" has the same meaning as provided in [subdivision (28) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act;

Sec. 111. Subdivision (43) of section 15-202 of the general statutes is

- 4178 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 4179 1, 2026):
- 4180 (43) "Security agreement" has the same meaning as provided in
- 4181 [subdivision (74) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by
- 4182 this act;
- Sec. 112. Subdivision (45) of section 15-202 of the general statutes is
- 4184 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 4185 1, 2026):
- 4186 (45) "Send" has the same meaning as provided in [subdivision (36) of
- subsection (b) of section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act; and
- Sec. 113. Subsection (c) of section 36a-770 of the general statutes is
- 4189 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 4190 1, 2026):
- 4191 (c) Definitions. As used in this section and sections 36a-771 to 36a-
- 4192 788, inclusive, 42-100b and 42-100c, unless the context otherwise
- 4193 requires:
- (1) "Boat" means any watercraft, as defined in section 22a-248, other
- 4195 than a seaplane, used or capable of being used as a means of
- 4196 transportation on water, by any power including muscular.
- 4197 (2) "Cash price" means the total amount in dollars at which the seller
- and buyer agreed the seller would transfer unqualified title to the goods,
- 4199 if the transaction were a cash sale instead of a sale under a retail
- 4200 installment contract.
- 4201 (3) "Commercial vehicle" means any domestic or foreign truck or
- 4202 truck tractor of ten thousand or more pounds gross vehicular weight or
- 4203 any trailer or semitrailer designed for use in connection with any truck
- 4204 or truck tractor of ten thousand or more pounds gross vehicular weight
- and which is not used primarily for personal, family or household use.

(4) "Filing fee" means the fee prescribed by law for filing, recording or otherwise perfecting and releasing or satisfying a security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, retained or created by a retail installment contract or installment loan contract.

- (5) "Finance charge" means the amount in excess of the cash price of the goods agreed upon by the retail seller and the retail buyer, to be paid by the retail buyer for the privilege of purchasing the goods under the retail installment contract or installment loan contract.
- (6) "Goods" means (A) "consumer goods", as defined in [subdivision (23) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act, and motor vehicles included under such definition, having an aggregate cash price of seventy-five thousand dollars or less, and (B) "equipment", as defined in [subdivision (33) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act, having an aggregate cash price of twenty-five thousand dollars or less, provided such consumer goods or such equipment is included in one retail installment contract or installment loan contract.
- (7) "Installment loan contract" means any agreement made in this state to repay in installments the amount loaned or advanced to a retail buyer for the purpose of paying the retail purchase price of goods and by virtue of which a security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, is taken in the goods for the payment of the amount loaned or advanced. For purposes of this subdivision, "installment loan contract" does not include agreements to repay in installments loans made by the United States or any department, agency or instrumentality thereof.
- (8) "Lender" means a person who extends or offers to extend credit to a retail buyer under an installment loan contract.
- 4235 (9) A retail installment contract or installment loan contract is "made in this state" if: (A) An offer or agreement is made in Connecticut by a retail seller or a lender to sell or extend credit to a resident retail buyer,

including, but not limited to, any verbal or written solicitation or communication to sell or extend credit originating outside the state of Connecticut but forwarded to and received in Connecticut by a resident retail buyer; or (B) an offer to buy or an application for extension of credit, or an acceptance of an offer to buy or to extend credit, is made in Connecticut by a resident retail buyer, regardless of the situs of the contract which may be specified therein, including, but not limited to, any verbal or written solicitation or communication to buy or to have credit extended, originating within the state of Connecticut but forwarded to and received by a retail seller or a lender outside the state of Connecticut. For purposes of this subdivision, a "resident retail buyer" means a retail buyer who is a resident of the state of Connecticut.

- (10) "Motor vehicle" means any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway by any power other than muscular. For purposes of this subdivision, "motor vehicle" does not include self-propelled wheelchairs and invalid tricycles, tractors, power shovels, road machinery, implements of husbandry and other agricultural machinery, or other machinery not designed primarily for highway transportation but which may incidentally transport persons or property on a highway, or devices which move upon or are guided by a track or travel through the air.
- (11) "Retail buyer" means a person who buys or agrees to buy one or more articles of goods from a retail seller not for the purpose of resale or lease to others in the course of business and who executes a retail installment contract or an installment loan contract in connection therewith.
- (12) "Retail installment contract" means any security agreement, as defined in [subdivision (74) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act, made in this state, including one in the form of a mortgage, conditional sale contract or other instrument evidencing an agreement to pay the retail purchase price of goods, or any part thereof, in installments over a period of time and pursuant to which a security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-

1-201, as amended by this act, is retained or taken by the retail seller for the payment of the amount of such retail installment contract. For purposes of this subdivision, "retail installment contract" does not include a rent-to-own agreement, as defined in section 42-240, as amended by this act.

- (13) "Retail installment sale" means any sale evidenced by a retail installment contract or installment loan contract wherein a retail buyer buys goods from a retail seller at a time sale price payable in two or more installments. The cash price of the goods, the amount, if any, included for other itemized charges which are included in the amount of the credit extended but which are not part of the finance charge under sections 36a-675 to 36a-686, inclusive, and the finance charge shall together constitute the time sale price. For purposes of this subdivision, "retail installment sale" does not include a rent-to-own agreement, as defined in section 42-240, as amended by this act.
- 4286 (14) "Retail seller" means a person who sells or agrees to sell one or 4287 more articles of goods under a retail installment contract or an 4288 installment loan contract to a retail buyer.
 - (15) "Sales finance company" means any person engaging in this state in the business, in whole or in part, of (A) acquiring retail installment contracts or installment loan contracts from holders thereof, by purchase, discount or pledge, or by loan or advance to the holder of either on the security thereof, or otherwise, or (B) receiving payments of principal and interest from a retail buyer under a retail installment contract or installment loan contract.
- Sec. 114. Section 36a-779 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
 - Any sales finance company may purchase or acquire from the original holder thereof or from any other sales finance company any retail installment contract or any installment loan contract on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 36a-770 to 36a-788, inclusive, as amended by

this act, 42-100b and 42-100c. Such contracts constitute chattel paper, as defined in [subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act, and are governed by article 9 of title 42a, as amended by this act, except as otherwise provided in said sections.

- Sec. 115. Subsection (d) of section 42-221 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 4309 1, 2026):
- 4310 (d) The consumer may waive a warranty required pursuant to this 4311 section only as to a particular defect in the vehicle which the dealer has 4312 disclosed to the consumer as being defective. No such waiver shall be 4313 effective unless such waiver: (1) Is in writing; (2) is conspicuous, as 4314 defined in [subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as 4315 amended by this act, and is in plain language; (3) identifies the 4316 particular disclosed defect in the vehicle for which such warranty is to 4317 be waived; (4) states what warranty, if any, shall apply to such disclosed 4318 defect; and (5) is signed by both the customer and the dealer prior to 4319 sale.
 - Sec. 116. Subdivision (4) of section 42-240 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 1, 2026):
 - (4) "Rent-to-own agreement" means an agreement for the use of personal property by an individual primarily for personal, family or household purposes, for an initial period of four months or less, whether or not there is any obligation beyond the initial period, that is automatically renewable with each payment and that permits the consumer to become the owner of the property. Any rent-to-own agreement which complies with sections 42-240 to 42-253, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not be construed to be, or be governed by the laws of this state regulating, any of the following:
- 4332 (A) A retail installment contract, as defined in section 36a-770, as amended by this act;

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(B) A security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (4335) (b) of section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act.

- Sec. 117. Subdivision (3) of section 42a-2-402 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 4338 1, 2026):
- 4339 (3) When a seller remains in possession of goods which have been 4340 sold or identified to a contract for sale or of goods which, after sale, have 4341 been leased back to him, the buyer or lessor of such goods may protect 4342 his interest by complying with the filing provisions of article 9, as 4343 amended by this act. On compliance the buyer or lessor has, against 4344 creditors of and purchasers from the seller, the rights of a secured party 4345 with a perfected security interest. Such filing does not, of itself, make 4346 the interest of the buyer or lessor a security interest, as defined in [by 4347 subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of section 42a-1-201, as amended by 4348 this act.
- Sec. 118. Subsection (c) of section 47a-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 4351 1, 2026):
 - (c) Any security deposit paid by a tenant shall remain the property of such tenant in which the landlord shall have a security interest, as defined in [subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] section 42a-1-201, as amended by this act, to secure such tenant's obligations. A security deposit shall be exempt from attachment and execution by the creditors of the landlord and shall not be considered part of the estate of the landlord in any legal proceeding. Any voluntary or involuntary transfer of a landlord's interest in residential real property to a successor shall constitute an assignment to such successor of such landlord's security interest in all security deposits paid by tenants of such transferred residential real property.
- Sec. 119. Subsection (c) of section 52-625 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January* 4365 1, 2026):

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4366 4367	(c) A person is not disqualified from appointment as receiver solely because the person:
4368 4369	(1) Was appointed receiver or is owed compensation in an unrelated matter involving a party or was engaged by a party in a matter unrelated to the receivership.
4370	to the receivership;
4371	(2) Is an individual obligated to a party on a debt that is not in default
4372	and was incurred primarily for personal, family or household purposes;
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4374	(3) Maintains with a party a deposit account, as defined in
4375	[subdivision (29) of subsection (a) of] section 42a-9-102, as amended by
4376	this act.
4377	Sec. 120. Subsection (a) of section 53-129a of the general statutes is
4378	repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January
4379	1, 2026):
4380	(a) As used in this section:
4381	(1) "Collateral" has the same meaning as [specified in subdivision (12)
4382	of subsection (a) of provided in section 42a-9-102, as amended by this
4383	act;
4384	(2) "Debtor" has the same meaning as [specified in subdivision (28) of
4385	subsection (a) of provided in section 42a-9-102, as amended by this act;
4386	(3) "Proceeds" has the same meaning as [specified in subdivision (64)
4387	of subsection (a) of provided in section 42a-9-102, as amended by this
4388	act;
4389	(4) "Security agreement" has the same meaning as [specified in
4390	subdivision (74) of subsection (a) of] provided in section 42a-9-102, as
4391	amended by this act;
4392	(5) "Security interest" has the same meaning as [specified in
4393	subdivision (35) of subsection (b) of] provided in section 42a-1-201, as
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(6) "Secured party" has the same meaning as [specified in subdivision (73) of subsection (a) of] <u>provided in section 42a-9-102</u>, as amended by <u>this act</u>.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:					
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which makes various changes to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as these rule changes largely concern private parties.

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Municipal Impact: None

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SUMMARY

This bill makes numerous changes to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), a set of rules governing commercial transactions (e.g., the sale of goods, leases, bank deposits and collections, and secured transactions). Many of the bill's provisions reflect emerging technologies.

The bill adds a new article on digital assets, which it terms "controllable electronic records" (CERs; Article 12). Examples of CERs include cryptocurrency, nonfungible tokens (NFTs), and other digital assets with embedded payment rights. The new Article 12, and corresponding changes to other articles, set rules for transactions involving these assets related to negotiability, transfer and payment rights, and secured lending.

The bill's other changes include such things as:

 establishing rules for hybrid transactions under the UCC's provisions for the sale or lease of goods;

2. specifying that negotiable instruments may have (a) law or forum selection clauses or (b) their image and information transmitted to a bank for deposit as an electronic check;

- 3. specifically allowing for symbols, sounds, and biometrics to constitute a security procedure for funds transfers;
- 4. specifying that generally, for purposes of jurisdiction, choice of law, and recognition of interbranch letters of credit under UCC Article 5, a bank branch is located at the address shown in its document, and if there are multiple addresses, its location is the address from which the document was issued (by law for letters of credit, all bank branches are separate judicial entities and a bank's location is the location of relevant branch);
- 5. redefining terms that apply to transactions on paper with definitions that also cover electronic documents, such as by broadening what is considered "signed" to ensure that electronic records have the same legal effect as tangible ones, and substituting "record" for "writing" where applicable in the UCC, to include both information inscribed on a tangible medium and that which is electronic or in another format; and
- 6. making numerous minor, technical, and conforming changes throughout the UCC and to other statutory provisions that refer to it.

Except as described below, the bill applies its expanded provisions (e.g., to Articles 9 and 12) to transactions and liens, even if created or entered into before January 1, 2026. But it does not affect an action, case, or proceeding that began before that date. It sets transition rules to allow secured parties to continue the enforceability of their interests when the bill's changes take effect and establish the priority of conflicting claims.

Additionally, in general, UCC rules are default rules, meaning that parties to a transaction can contractually agree to different terms, but absent an agreement, the UCC's rules apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

NEW ARTICLE 12: CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS (§§ 86-101)

Establishes rules for transactions involving a class of digital assets called "controllable electronic records," including purchaser rights, how to get control of the asset, and discharge requirements

Controllable Electronic Records (CERs)

The bill's new Article 12 governs CERs, which are records stored in an electronic medium that are subject to methods of control specified by the bill (see below). They do not include controllable accounts, controllable payment intangibles, deposit accounts, electronic copies of a record evidencing chattel paper, electronic documents of title, electronic money, investment property, or transferable records as defined under certain federal or Connecticut law.

Acquisition and Purchase Rights

The bill gives a purchaser of a CER, controllable account, or controllable payment intangible all of the rights the transferor had or had power to transfer. A purchaser of a limited interest only obtains the extent of that interest. The bill specifies that unless stated, law other than the new Article 12 determines if a person acquires a right, and the right's extent, in a CER, account, or payment intangible.

However, it gives a purchaser that gets control of a CER, controllable account, or controllable payment intangible for value, in good faith, and without notice of a property right claim (a "qualifying purchaser"), its rights free of a claim of a property right. Under the bill, a financing statement filing under Article 9 is not notice of a property right claim.

The bill requires a qualifying purchaser to take a right to payment or performance, or other property interest evidenced by the CER (but not the controllable account or payment intangible) subject to a claim of that right or interest, unless a law outside of Article 12 provides otherwise.

It prohibits an action against a qualifying purchaser that is based on both its purchase of the CER, account, or payment intangible and a claim

of a property right in another CER, account, or payment intangible, regardless of the theory involved (e.g., conversion, replevin, equitable lien).

Under the bill, to determine if a controllable account or controllable payment intangible purchaser is a qualifying purchaser, the purchaser gets control if it gets control of the CER that evidences the account or payment intangible.

Control of a CER

Under the bill, control of a CER exists if the electronic record, a record attached to or logically associated with it, or a system that records it, gives it (1) the power to receive substantially all of the CER's benefit and (2) exclusive power to prevent others from doing so and transfer control of the electronic record to another person or cause another person to get control of another CER because of the record's transfer. The record or system also must allow for the person to readily identify itself as having those powers (e.g., by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office, or account number).

The bill makes the power to receive or prevent others from receiving benefits exclusive even if it is shared with another person or the CER, record attached to or logically associated with the electronic record, or system where the electronic record is recorded, limits the electronic record's use or has a programmed protocol to make a change (e.g., transfer, loss of control, benefit modification).

Under the bill, a person does not share power with another person and it is not exclusive if the (1) person can exercise it only if the other person also does and (2) other person can exercise it alone or is the transferor to the person of an interest in the CER, or a controllable account or controllable payment intangible the CER shows.

The bill also sets rules for a person's control of a CER when another person has control on the person's behalf. Specifically, a person controls a CER if another person (but not the transferor of the interest) (1) controls the electronic record on the person's behalf and acknowledges

that fact or (2) gets control on the person's behalf after acknowledging that it will do so.

The bill does not require a person to acknowledge that it has control on behalf of another. It also generally does not give the person that acknowledges that it has or will obtain control on behalf of another person a duty to the other person or a requirement to confirm the acknowledgement to any other person. The person can, however, agree to do so or other law may require it.

Obligation Discharge

The bill allows for an account debtor on a controllable account or controllable payment intangible to discharge its obligation by paying either (1) the person with control of the CER that evidences the account or payment intangible or (2) a person that used to have control of the CER under certain circumstances. It prevents discharging an obligation by paying a person who formerly had control if the account debtor receives a notice that:

- 1. informs the account debtor that the CER's control was transferred and identifies the transferree in a reasonable way (e.g., name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office, or account number);
- 2. reasonably identifies the controllable account or controllable payment intangible;
- 3. is signed by either the person formerly in control or the person who is a transferee of control; and
- 4. includes a commercially reasonable method for the account debtor to pay the transferee.

Instead, the account debtor must pay as required in the notice to discharge its obligation.

Under the bill, the above notice is not effective:

1. unless the account debtor and the person with control of the CER before the notice was sent agreed in a signed record to a commercially reasonable way for the person to present reasonable proof of a transfer in control;

- 2. if there is an agreement between the account debtor and payment intangible seller that limits the debtor's duty to pay a person other than the seller that is governed by law that is not the bill's new Article 12; or
- 3. if the notice allows the account debtor to divide a payment, make less than the full amount of an installment or other periodic payment, or pay a portion of a payment by more than one method or to more than one person.

The bill requires the person giving the notice about the CER transfer to timely present reasonable proof of the transfer if the account debtor requests it. The person must do this using the method in their agreement. Failing to do so allows the account debtor to discharge the obligation by paying a person that formerly had control of the CER.

Under the bill, reasonable proof of a transfer in CER control shows that the transferee has the power to (1) receive substantially all of the CER's benefit and prevent others from doing so and (2) transfer the receipt and prevention powers to another person.

The bill generally prohibits an account debtor from waiving or changing its rights under the bill's requirements for there to be an agreement between it and the person in control and no option for alternative payments, or for it to receive proof of a transfer. However, these provisions are subject to law outside of the new Article 12 that have a different rule for account debtors who are individuals and have an obligation that is mainly for personal, family, or household purposes.

Applicable Rules and Conflicts

Under the bill, if a conflict exists between Article 9's requirements for secured transactions, and those of the new Article 12, Article 9 controls.

Additionally, a transaction subject to the new article is also subject to any other law that sets a different rule for consumers; a law or regulation regulating rates, charges, agreements, and practices for loans, credit sales, or other extensions of credit; and a consumer protection law or regulation.

Choice of Law

The bill generally applies the local law of a CER's jurisdiction to matters covered by the new Article 12. It allows for another jurisdiction's law to apply if there is an effective agreement for it to do so for a CER that evidences a controllable account or controllable payment intangible in a matter involving an account debtor's discharge of an obligation (see above). The bill specifies that the local law of a CER's jurisdiction applies to matters covered by the new Article 12 even if they, or the transactions relating to them, do not relate to the jurisdiction.

The bill sets the following hierarchy for determining a CER's jurisdiction, but in each case the CER (or record attached to or logically associated with it) or system rules must be readily available for review:

- 1. the CER or record may expressly state the CER's jurisdiction for Article 12 purposes, making it the CER's general jurisdiction;
- 2. the system that has the recorded CER may have rules that expressly state a particular jurisdiction for the CER for Article 12 purposes, making it also the CER's general jurisdiction;
- 3. the CER or record expressly states the jurisdiction whose governing law applies; or
- 4. the system that has the recorded CER may have rules that expressly state the CER's jurisdiction.

It designates the District of Columbia as a CER's jurisdiction if the above provisions do not apply. If the bill's new Article 12 provisions are not in effect in the District of Columbia, without material changes, the

jurisdiction remains the District of Columbia and as if they were in effect. (The Council for the District of Columbia adopted new Article 12 provisions in 2024.)

Under the bill, the rights of purchasers are governed by the applicable law at the time of purchase.

ARTICLE 9: SECURED TRANSACTIONS (§§ 36-85)

Makes changes to conform the UCC's rules for security interests with the new Article 12, including how to use digital assets as collateral for loans (e.g., obtain control, perfect the interest, determine priority); specifies that chattel paper is the underlying right to payment and not the records evidencing it; differentiates between electronic and tangible money; adds a new way to get control of a deposit account

Definitions

The bill adds and adjusts several definitions in the UCC's article on secured transactions largely to conform with the bill's other reforms, such as including rules for CERs.

First, the bill modifies its definition of "chattel paper" to refer to a right to a payment of a monetary obligation secured by goods evidenced by a record, as opposed to the record or records that evidence it. It also includes a right to payment from a "hybrid" lease transaction (see Article 2A, below), where a lessee owes under a lease agreement for the use of specific goods, also evidenced by a record.

Related to CERs, a "controllable account" is an account and a "controllable payment intangible" is a payment intangible, both of which evidenced by a CER that provides that the account debtor agrees to pay the person with control of the CER. Conforming, it includes CERs in the existing definition of "general intangible," which is generally any personal property that is not included in other defined collateral.

The bill incorporates a definition of "money" into Article 9 that is based on its new general UCC definition for the term (see Article 1, *Money*, below) and differentiates between money in an electronic versus a tangible form. It excludes deposit accounts and money in electronic form that cannot be controlled in the way the article specifies.

Lastly, it designates an "assignee" as generally a person (1) in whose favor a security interest that secures an obligation is created or provided for in a security agreement or (2) to which an account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory note was sold. Conversely, an "assignor" is a person that (1) under a security agreement, creates or provides for a security interest that secures an obligation or (2) sells an account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory note. These terms include, as applicable, the transferee of a security interest from a secured party or the secured party that transfers a security interest.

Attachment and Enforceability

Under existing law, a security interest generally attaches to collateral when it is enforceable against the debtor with respect to the collateral. And this interest is enforceable if (1) value was given; (2) the debtor has rights in the collateral or can transfer rights in it to a secured party; and (3) a security agreement, certificated security, or possession gives the secured party control. The bill includes controllable accounts, CERs, controllable payment intangibles, and electronic money in the types of collateral that can be shown to be enforceable by a debtor's security agreement that gives the secured party control. Under the bill, for chattel paper, the secured party must have possession and control under the security agreement.

The UCC also generally allows a security agreement to create or give a security interest in after-acquired collateral, except for consumer goods or a commercial tort claim. The bill specifies that an interest can attach to consumer goods as proceeds or comingled goods, commercial tort claims as proceeds, or under an after-acquired property clause for property that is proceeds of either.

Secured Party's Duties and Rights

The UCC establishes certain requirements and rights for secured parties in possession or control of collateral, such as using reasonable care to preserve it. Current law allows, absent an agreement with the debtor otherwise, a secured party in possession or control of electronic documents of title, investment property, deposit accounts, electronic

chattel paper, or letter of credit rights, to hold certain proceeds as additional security and create a security interest in the collateral. It requires the secured party to apply money or funds from the collateral to reduce the debtor's obligation, unless it is given to the debtor. The bill also applies these rights and responsibilities to secured parties in possession or control of CERs or electronic money.

If there is no remaining secured obligation, current law requires the secured party, other than a buyer, to take certain actions within 10 days after receiving a request from the debtor. For electronic chattel paper and electronic documents, this generally involves (1) communicating or giving the authoritative copy of the chattel paper or documents to the debtor or a person the debtor designates and (2) making it feasible for the debtor or designee to make copies or changes to identified assignees. The bill, in these cases, instead requires the secured party to transfer control of the electronic copy or document to the debtor or designee. It applies the same requirements to secured parties with control of electronic money or a CER (but not a buyer of a controllable account or controllable payment intangible).

Control

Under the UCC, control is an important way to perfect a security interest for certain types of collateral. The bill generally (1) establishes rules for obtaining control over a CER (see also new Article 12, above), chattel paper, and electronic money and (2) adds a method of control for deposit accounts.

CER. Under the bill, a secured party has control of a CER if the electronic record, a record attached to or logically associated with it, or a system that records it gives the party (1) the power to receive substantially all of the CER's benefit and (2) exclusive power to prevent others from doing so and transfer control to another person or cause another person to get control of another CER because of the record's transfer (see New Article 12, *Control of a CER*, above). A secured party has control of a controllable account or controllable payment intangible if the secured party controls the CER that evidences it.

Chattel Paper. The bill revises the current rule for control of chattel paper generally to align it with its revised definition of the term. It does this by specifying that the control is (1) by a purchaser rather than a secured party; (2) of an authoritative electronic copy of a record evidencing chattel paper (instead of the chattel paper itself); and (3) shown through a system used for the assignment, rather than transfer, of interests.

Under existing law, a system shows control if, among other things, the record is created, stored, and assigned in a way that a single unique, identifiable, and unalterable authoritative copy of the record identifies the purchaser as the assignee. Under the bill, a system also shows that a purchaser controls an authoritative electronic copy of a record evidencing chattel paper if the copy, or a record attached to or logically associated with it, or a system that records it:

- 1. allows the purchaser to readily identify (a) each electronic copy as either authoritative or nonauthoritative and (b) itself as the assignee (e.g., by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office, or account number) and
- 2. gives the purchaser exclusive power to (a) prevent others from adding or changing an identified assignee and (b) transfer control of the copy (if a person has these powers, the bill presumes they are exclusive).

This exclusive power exists regardless of whether the (1) power is shared with another person or (2) authoritative electronic copy, related record, or recording system limits the copy's use or has a programmed protocol to cause a change (e.g., transfer or loss of control). A person's power is not exclusive and not shared with another if the (1) power can only be exercised if it is also exercised by the other person and (2) other person can exercise it on its own or is the transferor to the purchaser of an interest in the chattel paper.

Lastly, a purchaser can control an authoritative electronic copy of a record evidencing chattel paper if another person, but not the transferor

to the purchaser of the chattel paper interest, (1) has control of the copy on the purchaser's behalf and acknowledges that fact or (2) gets control of the copy after acknowledging that it will do so on the purchaser's behalf.

Electronic Money. The bill specifies two ways in which a person has control of electronic money. First, it deems a person to have control if the money, a record attached to or logically associated with it, or a system in which the money is recorded gives the person (1) power to receive substantially all of the money's benefit and (2) exclusive power to prevent others from doing so and to transfer control of it to another person or have another person get control of other electronic money from transferring it. If a person has these powers, they are presumed to be exclusive. The money, record, or system must enable the person to readily identify itself as having those powers (e.g., by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office, or account number).

Under the bill, power is exclusive even if the (1) money, record, or system limits the money's use or has a programmed protocol to or (2) power is shared with another person. Power is not shared, and thus the power not exclusive, if the person can only exercise it with another person that can exercise it on its own or is the transferor of the money.

Second, a person has control of electronic money if another person, but not the transferor to the person with the money interest, (1) has control of the money on behalf of the person and acknowledges this fact or (2) gets control of the money after acknowledging that it will get it on the person's behalf.

Deposit Accounts. The bill establishes a fourth way for a secured party to have control of a deposit account. Currently, the party has control if (1) it is the bank maintaining the account; (2) the debtor, secured party, and bank agree that the bank will comply with the secured party's instruction about disposition of funds; or (3) the secured party becomes the bank's customer for the account. Under the bill, a secured party also has control if a person other than the debtor (1) controls the deposit account and acknowledges that is has control on the

secured party's behalf or (2) gets control of the account after acknowledging that it will do so for the secured party.

Control for Another. The bill specifies that a person with control of a deposit account, chattel paper, or electronic money on behalf of another is not required to acknowledge this fact. And if a person acknowledges that it has or will get control on behalf of another person, the person has no duty to the other person and is not required to confirm the acknowledgement to any other person, except as otherwise agreed or required by other law.

Perfection and Priority

Perfection is the process of publicly establishing a security interest in collateral to gain priority, which is the order of preference given to different interests or rights. Essentially, it puts parties on notice about the security interest. The method of perfection for a security interest depends on the type of collateral involved. Once "perfected," a creditor is in a position to claim or repossess collateral if the debtor defaults.

Perfection. The bill allows for a security interest in controllable accounts, CERs, and controllable payment intangibles to be perfected by control, as is the case under existing law for things like investment property, deposit accounts, and electronic documents. A security interest in electronic money is perfected only by control. For these new asset types, perfection occurs when the secured party gets control and the interest stays perfected only while the secured party keeps control.

Under existing law, a security interest in chattel paper may be perfected by filing or through having and keeping control. Instead of control in the chattel paper, the bill allows a secured party to perfect this interest by (1) taking possession of each authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper and (2) getting control of each authoritative electronic copy of the electronic record that evidences it. Perfection occurs when the secured party takes possession and obtains control and it remains perfected only if the party keeps possession and control. For an authoritative tangible copy held by a person other than

the debtor, there must be a signed record from the person acknowledging that it has the copy for the secured party's benefit.

The bill allows a security interest in controllable accounts, CERs, and controllable payment intangibles to be perfected by filing (i.e. submitting a financing statement to the filing office), but it does not require it if perfection occurs through control.

The UCC sets rules for when a perfected security interest ends. The bill applies these rules to chattel paper, controllable accounts, CERs, and controllable payment intangibles, as defined under the bill. Specifically, if the interest is perfected under the law of the debtor's location, perfection ends (1) when it would have ended under that law, (2) four months after the debtor's location changes to another jurisdiction, or (3) one year after the collateral is transferred to a person that becomes the debtor and is located in another jurisdiction. For interests perfected under another jurisdiction's law (e.g., that of the collateral, bank, issuer, or intermediary), the interest ends (1) when it would have ended under that law or (2) four months after changing to another jurisdiction.

Priority. Under the bill, a security interest in a controllable account, CER, or controllable payment intangible held by a secured party with control of the account, record, or payment intangible has priority over a conflicting interest held by a secured party without control. The bill does not limit the rights of a qualifying purchaser of a controllable account, CER, or controllable payment intangible; the holder takes priority over earlier, even perfected, security interests, to the extent that new Article 12 allows. It similarly does not limit the rights of or impose a liability on a person if Article 12 protects against asserting a claim.

For chattel paper, a purchaser has priority over a security interest in chattel paper if it (1) takes possession of each authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing it and (2) gets control of each authoritative electronic copy of the same. Current law requires either taking possession or obtaining control of the chattel paper. The bill retains the associated requirements for taking possession and getting control in good faith, in the ordinary course of business, for new value, and

without knowledge of another party.

The bill specifies that an electronic money transferee takes the money free of a security interest if it gets control of the money without colluding with the debtor to violate the secured party's rights.

The bill expands on existing law's rules for when a buyer acquires an asset free from a claim by another party ("take-free" rules), meaning that it would have a priority interest over that other party, generally to apply to the bill's new covered assets which includes its revised definition of chattel paper. In each case, the buyer must provide value and have no knowledge of the existing security interest before its perfection.

Under the bill, a buyer of chattel paper takes-free if it gets (1) each authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing it and (2) control of each authoritative electronic copy of the record evidencing it, if it can be controlled as required by law. Buyers of electronic documents, CERs, controllable accounts, or controllable payment intangibles take-free if they get control. For chattel paper, controllable accounts, and controllable payment intangibles, the buyer cannot be a secured party for the rule to apply.

Choice of Law. For CERs, the bill generally makes the local law of a CER's jurisdiction (see New Article 12, *Choice of Law*, above) also the governing jurisdiction for perfection, the effect of the CER being perfected or unperfected, and priority of a security interest in a CER and in a controllable account or controllable payment intangible that the CER evidences. But it is the law of where a debtor is located that applies when perfection occurs by filing or the sale of a controllable payment intangible automatically perfects it.

The bill establishes specific rules for determining the law that applies for perfection and priority of a security interest in chattel paper, including the effect of being perfected or unperfected. First, it sets the local law of the chattel paper's jurisdiction as the governing law when the chattel paper is evidenced (1) only by an authoritative electronic copy of it or (2) an authoritative electronic and tangible copy of it. This

applies regardless of whether the transaction relates to the chattel paper's jurisdiction. The following rule hierarchy also applies for determining jurisdiction, but each method must be expressly stated and readily available for review:

- the authoritative electronic copy of the record evidencing chattel paper (or a record attached to or logically associated with it) may set the jurisdiction that governs perfection and priority or other UCC provisions;
- 2. if the record has no stated jurisdiction, then the rules of the system in which the authoritative electronic record is recorded set the chattel paper's jurisdiction for perfection and priority or other UCC purposes;
- 3. if the record or system does not designate the jurisdiction for perfection and priority or UCC purposes, then the chattel paper's jurisdiction is that which is stated in the authoritative electronic copy (or a record attached to or logically associated with it); and
- 4. if none of the above apply, then it is the jurisdiction set in the rules of the system in which the authoritative electronic record is recorded that governs.

For chattel paper without a designated jurisdiction in the relevant authoritative electronic copy (or other record) or system, the jurisdiction of the debtor's location applies. And like security interests in other assets, the local law of the debtor's jurisdiction governs perfection of chattel security interests by filing. For chattel paper not evidenced by an authoritative electronic copy but with an authoritative tangible copy instead, the jurisdiction that governs is the local law of the tangible copy's location.

The bill also specifies that, regardless of whether the transaction has a connection to the jurisdiction involved, the local law of the following governs security interest perfection and priority:

1. bank's jurisdiction for a deposit account and

2. issuer's, securities intermediary's, or commodity intermediary's jurisdiction for certain investment property that is not subject to automatic perfection or a filing.

Third-Party Rights

Existing law generally allows an account debtor to discharge its obligations by paying the assignor until it receives a notice of further assignment. It requires a secured party, as the assignee, to give the account debtor that received this notice a release of further payment obligation to it within 10 days after receiving a request for one from the account debtor. The bill applies this 10-day response requirement to CER transfers (see New Article 12, *Obligation Discharge*, above).

The bill also specifies that the law's (1) general rule of an account debtor being able to discharge its obligation by paying the assignor until it receives a further assignment notice does not apply to controllable accounts or controllable payment intangibles and (2) restrictions on assigning promissory notes or including certain limiting terms in them apply to negotiable instruments that evidence chattel paper.

Default

Preserving Collateral. The bill applies rights and duties for keeping and preserving collateral after a default for secured parties in possession of electronic money, controllable accounts, CERs, or controllable payment intangibles as the law already does for these parties in possession of electronic documents of title, deposit accounts, investment property, records evidencing chattel paper, and letter of credit rights.

Notices of Collateral Disposition. Existing law sets out rules for a secured party to follow to dispose of collateral securing an obligation, including specifying the contents of the notice that must be sent beforehand to the debtor or obligor involved, either generally or involving a consumer-goods transaction. (The consumer-goods notice can be instead of the general one, but not vice versa.)

The bill includes in the consumer-goods notice the ability for the secured party to also use an electronic record to explain to the debtor

the amount owed, instead of only in writing. It allows the secured party to use electronic communication as a method for the debtor to communicate with it, instead of only by telephone or in writing, for the debt explanation or information about the sale.

The bill further includes specific instructions for secured parties to follow when preparing the general or consumer-goods notices.

Duties and Liability

Existing law sets out when a secured party owes no duty or has no liability to a debtor, obligor, or a secured party or lienholder with a filed financing statement based on its secured party status (e.g., the party does not know the debtor or obligor status and the person's identity). The bill makes a secured party owe a duty or liable under certain circumstances for collateral that is a controllable account, CER, or controllable payment intangible. Specifically, the duty is owed or liability imposed when the:

- person is a debtor or obligor and
- 2. secured party knows that the collateral, a record attached to or logically associated with it, or the system in which it is recorded, does not provide certain specified information (i.e. the person's debtor or obligor status, the person's identity, and how to communicate with the person).

It applies at the later of the time the (1) secured party gets control of the collateral or (2) security interest attaches to it.

ARTICLE 7: DOCUMENTS OF TITLE (§§ 29 & 30)

Broadens and clarifies what qualifies as "control" for electronic documents of title to, among other things, account for distributed ledger technology, which uses multiple authoritative copies of an electronic record

Control of Electronic Documents of Title

Under existing law, a person controls an electronic document of title (e.g., a bill of lading, warehouse receipt, or order to deliver goods) if a system used to evidence the transfer of interests in the document reliably establishes that person as that which was issued or transferred

it. The bill adds (1) a second way for a system to meet this requirement and (2) control by another person, other than the transferor, that has control on the person's behalf.

System Establishes Control. Currently, a system shows a person has control of an electronic document of title if, among other things, the document is created, stored, and assigned in a way that a single unique, identifiable, and unalterable authoritative copy identifies the person in control.

Under the bill, a system can also show that a person controls an electronic document of title if an authoritative electronic copy of the document, a record attached to or logically associated with it, or a system that records it:

- 1. allows the person to readily identify (a) each electronic copy as either authoritative or nonauthoritative and (b) itself as the person which was issued or transferred each authoritative copy (e.g., by name, identifying number, cryptographic key, office, or account number) and
- 2. gives the person exclusive power to (a) prevent others from adding or changing the person to which was issued or transferred each authoritative copy and (b) transfer control of each authoritative copy (if a person has these powers, the bill presumes they are exclusive).

This exclusive power is deemed to exist regardless of whether the (1) authoritative electronic copy, related record, or recording system limits the document of title's use or has a programmed protocol to cause a change (e.g., transfer or loss of control) or (2) power is shared with another person. But this exclusivity for situations in which power is shared with another does not apply if the (1) power can only be exercised if it is also exercised by the other person and (2) other person can exercise it on its own or is the transferor to the person of an interest in the document of title (but see *Control for Another*, below).

Control for Another. The bill also deems a person to have control of an electronic document of title when another person, other than the transferor to the person with an interest in the document, (1) controls it and acknowledges the control on behalf of the person or (2) gets control of it after acknowledging that it will do so on the person's behalf.

The bill specifically does not require a person with control to acknowledge its control on behalf of another person. And if a person acknowledges that it has or will get that control, the person has no duty to the other person and does not need to confirm the acknowledgement to any other person, unless it agrees to do so or a law other than the bill's updated Articles 7 or 9 requires it.

ARTICLE 8: INVESTMENT SECURITIES (§§ 31-35)

Subjects controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, and controllable payment intangibles to Article 8 under specified circumstances; clarifies provisions in existing law on control and determining the applicable law

Financial Assets

The bill allows a controllable account, CER or controllable payment intangible to be a financial asset and subject to certain provisions of Article 8 on investment securities to the extent that the securities intermediary that holds it agrees with the person entitled under the account, record, or payment intangible that it will be treated as a "financial asset" governed by Article 8.

Control

Existing law sets out the three ways in which a purchaser can have control of a security entitlement (i.e. the rights and property interest of a financial asset), one of which is when another person has control and acknowledges that it has control on the purchaser's behalf (or acknowledges that it will obtain control and then does so). The bill specifies that the other person excludes the transferor to the purchaser.

Under the bill, if a person acknowledges that it has or will get control, the person has no duty to the purchaser and does not need to confirm the acknowledgement to any other person, unless it agrees to do so or a law other than the bill's updated Articles 8 or 9 require it. It also does

not require a person with control on behalf of another to acknowledge that fact.

Choice of Law

State law sets the extent to which local law of an issuer's or securities intermediary's jurisdiction applies. For example, it sets the governance for things like security validity, security entitlement acquisition, and certain issuer or security intermediary rights and duties. The bill specifies that the local law of an issuer's or securities intermediary's jurisdiction applies to these matters or transactions even if they do not relate to the jurisdiction.

ARTICLES 2 & 2A: SALE OR LEASE HYBRID TRANSACTIONS (§§ 5-13)

Clarifies the scope of Articles 2 and 2A when transactions combine the sale or lease of goods with things like services (i.e. "bundled" or "hybrid" transactions)

The bill applies UCC Articles 2 and 2A, which govern the sale of or lease of goods, to single transactions involving (1) a sale or lease of goods and (2) the provision of services; a lease or sale (as applicable) of other goods; or a sale, lease, or license of other property ("hybrid sales" or "hybrid leases").

Specifically, under the bill, for hybrid sales transactions, Article 2 applies if the components of the transaction that involve goods predominates, but it allows application of other law to the parts that do not relate to the sale of goods in appropriate circumstances. If the transaction's sale of goods components do not predominate, then only Article 2's provisions that relate primarily to the sale of goods parts apply.

The bill applies the same rules for hybrid lease transactions, with two exceptions involving finance leases. All finance lease transactions are subject to Article 2A's provision on electronic records in electronic contracts and its provision on lien priority involving attachment or levy applies to a lessee's promises that are consideration for the right to possess and use the leased goods.

ARTICLE 3: NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (§§ 14-17)

Specifies that a negotiable instrument may (1) include a law or forum selection clause and (2) be transmitted to a bank for deposit as an electronic check; specifies that destroying a check after remotely depositing it does not discharge the obligation

Under the UCC, when a negotiable instrument (e.g., a check) is issued it is binding on the maker or drawer. The bill expands what constitutes an "issue" (the first delivery of an instrument by the maker or drawer) by including, if agreed by the payee, a first transmission to the payee of an image of an item and information about that item that enables the depositary bank to collect the item by transferring or presenting under federal law an electronic check. This includes the practice of sending an image of a check to the payee.

The law generally prohibits a negotiable instrument from stating another required undertaking or instruction by the person promising payment. Exceptions to this include things like having power to protect collateral securing payment or realize on or dispose of collateral. The bill also allows the instruments to include, without affecting their negotiability, a (1) term specifying the law that applies to the instrument or (2) promise to resolve a dispute about it in a specific forum.

The UCC provides several ways for a person entitled to enforce an instrument to relieve the person required to pay it from that obligation, including by intentionally and voluntarily destroying the instrument. The bill specifies that the obligation of someone to pay is not relieved when a check is destroyed in the process of its information being extracted and an image of it being made, if the information and image are transmitted for payment (e.g., through remote deposit).

ARTICLE 4A: FUNDS TRANSFERS (§§ 18-26)

Specifies what is considered a security procedure when verifying a payment order (e.g., to detect error in the content of messages or to detect payment orders that are mistakenly transmitted)

The bill specifies what may be used as a "security procedure" to verify information or detect errors about a payment order as part of a funds transfer.

Under current law, the agreement between the customer and a

receiving bank may require using algorithms or other codes, identifying words or numbers, encryption, callback procedures, or similar security devices. The bill adds symbols, sounds, and biometrics as possible security measures. It specifies that requiring a payment order to be sent from a known email or IP address or telephone number is not a security procedure alone, as is the case under existing law for comparing a signature with a customer's authorized specimen signature.

ARTICLE 1: GENERALLY APPLICABLE TERMINOLOGY (§ 1)

Changes several definitions that apply throughout the UCC to, among other things, incorporate new or emerging technologies and resolve ambiguities

The bill changes several definitions that apply throughout the UCC. These definitions and rules, as those in current law, do not apply if contrary or more specific ones are found in other parts of the UCC.

Conspicuous

The bill broadens what constitutes "conspicuous" written, displayed, or presented terms by basing it on the totality of the circumstances, rather than specifying specific text formats that meet the standard.

Money

Currently under the UCC, money is a medium of exchange that a domestic or foreign government has adopted or authorized. The bill excludes from this electronic records that are mediums of exchange (e.g., cryptocurrency) recorded or transferable in a system that existed and operated for the medium before a government authorized or adopted it.

The bill defines "electronic" as relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

Person

The bill expands what is considered a "person" under the UCC to include a "protected series" of an entity (e.g., of a limited liability company) if it is created under law other than the UCC that limits, or limits under certain conditions, a creditor of the entity or of another protected series of the entity from satisfying a claim from the protected

series' assets. Thus, it treats a protected series as being among other things, a seller or buyer, lessor or lessee, or a debtor.

Sign

The bill expands the definition of "sign" and related terms to apply to both signatures in writing, as under current law, but also to electronic signatures. Under the bill, something that is "signed" must have present intent to authenticate or adopt a record either by executing or adopting a tangible symbol or by attaching to or logically associating with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process. Throughout the UCC, the bill replaces references to "authenticated" with "signed" to incorporate the expanded definition which encompasses the later term.

TRANSITIONAL RULES (§§ 93-101)

Establishes rules for transactions entered into before the bill's effective date; includes a rule that generally makes its provisions prospective in application and preserves the validity of existing transactions and the rights, duties, and interests flowing from them; generally applies Articles 9 and 12 to existing transactions

Transactions

The bill deems transactions validly entered into before January 1, 2026, and their associated rights, duties, and interests, still valid after that date. They can be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced as required or allowed by law as would occur if the bill did not pass.

However, beginning on that January date, Articles 9 and 12, as changed by the bill, apply to transactions, liens, or other property interests, regardless of when they were entered into, created, or acquired. The bill specifically keeps valid transactions, liens, and property interests entered into, created, or transferred before January 1, 2026, that were not subject to the UCC at the time but are subject to the bill's Article 9 or 12 provisions. Under the bill, these existing transactions, liens, or interests can be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced or required as allowed by the bill or the law that would apply if the bill did not pass.

Security Interests

Under the bill, an enforceable security interest perfected immediately before January 1, 2026, remains a perfected interest if, on that date, the bill's enforceability and perfection requirements are met without needing to take additional action. If this is not the case, then the security interest:

- 1. is perfected only until the earlier of January 1, 2027, or when the interest would have ended under the law in effect when it was created;
- 2. remains perfected only if the bill's perfection requirements are met before those same dates; and
- 3. remains enforceable only if it meets Article 9's enforceability requirements before 2027.

An unperfected security interest that is enforceable immediately before January 1, 2026, stays enforceable until January 1, 2027, and remains enforceable after that date if it meets Article 9's enforceability requirements before 2027. It becomes perfected on January 1, 2026, if the bill's perfection requirements are met by that date, or otherwise when perfection requirements are met.

Under the bill, filing a financing statement before January 1, 2026, perfects a security interest on that date if the filing also meets the bill's perfection requirements. Similarly, taking an action before that 2026 date makes a security interest enforceable on that date if the action meet's the bill's enforceability requirements.

The bill deems an action (other than filing a financing statement) that occurs before January 1, 2026, and would have perfected the security interest had the interest become enforceable before that date, effective to perfect a security interest that attaches under the bill before January 1, 2027. An attached security interest is then unperfected on that 2027 date unless it becomes perfected before.

Conflicting Claims

The bill sets rules for determining the priority of conflicting claims to collateral and Article 12 property during the transitional period.

For collateral, if the priority of claims is set before January 1, 2026, then the provisions of Article 9, as they existed at that time, apply. On January 1, 2027, if priorities set by the bill's revised Article 9 change those that existed before January 1, 2026, priorities to claims of Article 12 property and electronic money established before that 2026 date end.

For Article 12 property, when revised Article 9's priority rules do not apply, the bill sets the following rules:

- 1. for claims priorities set before January 1, 2026, law other than Article 12 determines priority and
- 2. if the bill's priority rules change priorities set before January 1, 2026, the claims priorities set before that date no longer apply on January 1, 2027.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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