

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0086

Disclosure of private cryptographic keys.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial
Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to digital assets; prohibiting the
2 compelled production of a private key that relates to a
3 digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right
4 except as specified; providing a definition; repealing a
5 definition; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 34-29-107 is created to read:

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11 **34-29-107. Production of private keys; prohibition.**

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13 (a) No person shall be compelled to produce a private
14 key or make a private key known to any other person in any
15 civil, criminal, administrative, legislative or other

1 proceeding in this state that relates to a digital asset,
2 digital identity or other interest or right to which the
3 private key provides access unless a public key is
4 unavailable or unable to disclose the requisite information
5 with respect to the digital asset, digital identity or
6 other interest or right.

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8 (b) This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit
9 any lawful proceeding that compels a person to produce,
10 sell, transfer, convey or disclose a digital asset, digital
11 identity or other interest or right to which a private key
12 provides access, or to disclose information about the
13 digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right,
14 provided that the person is not required to produce or
15 disclose the private key except as otherwise required by
16 subsection (a) of this section.

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18 **Section 2.** W.S. 34-29-101(a) by creating a new
19 paragraph (v) is amended to read:

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21 **34-29-101. Definitions.**

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23 (a) As used in this chapter:

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(v) "Private key" means a unique element of cryptographic data, or any substantially similar analogue, which is:

(A) Held by a person;

(B) Paired with a unique, publicly available element of cryptographic data; and

(C) Associated with an algorithm that is necessary to carry out an encryption or decryption required to execute a transaction.

Section 3. W.S. 34-29-103(e)(iii) is repealed.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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