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Nebraska Joins \$80M Enforcement Action Against Block, Cash App for Violations

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance ([NDBF](#)) is part of an \$80 million multi-state enforcement action against Block Inc. for violations of the federal Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), as well as anti-money laundering (AML) laws that safeguard the financial system from illicit use.

More than 50 million U.S. consumers use Cash App, Block's mobile payment service, to spend, send, store, and invest money. Block cooperated with the states in the settlement.

Block has agreed to pay a combined \$80 million penalty to the participating state agencies, hire an independent consultant to review the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of its BSA/AML program, and submit a report to the states within nine months. Block then will have a year to correct any deficiencies.

NDBF Director Kelly Lammers said: "This is another example of our staff's work with multi-state coalitions to protect Nebraskans and maintain confidence in the financial services industry. In just the last few weeks, the Department has participated in three multi-state settlements that have returned more than \$1.5 million to Nebraska and ensured our regulated financial institutions are complying with Nebraska law."

Under BSA/AML rules, financial services firms must perform due diligence on customers, including verifying customer identities, reporting suspicious activity, and applying appropriate controls for high-risk accounts. State regulators found that Block was not in compliance with certain requirements, creating the potential for its services to be used to support money laundering, terrorism financing, or other illegal activities.

State financial regulators – like the NDBF – license and serve as the primary supervisor of money transmitters. In fiscal year 2023-24, the NDBF oversaw 185 money transmitters with combined assets of \$735.2 billion.

Additional information on the state regulatory framework for money transmission can be found [here](#). Nebraska residents with questions regarding the settlement may call the NDBF at (402) 471-2171 or send an email via the NDBF's [contact page](#) at [ndbf.nebraska.gov](#).

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