

§ 53-447. (Effective January 1, 2027) Prohibition on QR code or scan-based login.

(a) Ban on QR Code, Barcode, and Similar Login Methods. – A kiosk operator shall not implement any feature, workflow, or device that enables a customer to access, authenticate, or log in to an account, wallet, or transaction interface through a QR code, barcode, or similar scan-based mechanism, including any of the following:

- (1) Scanning a code displayed on a mobile device.
- (2) Scanning a printed code linked to a customer account.
- (3) Using a camera-based or optical-reader login process that substitutes for manual entry.

(b) Permitted Authentication Methods. – Customer authentication at a virtual currency kiosk is limited to any of the following:

- (1) Manual entry of a phone number, account identifier, or other unique customer credential.
- (2) Manual entry of any verification code sent to the customer.
- (3) An additional authentication method approved by the Commissioner that does not rely on optical scanning or automated code-reading.

(c) Technical Safeguards. – Each kiosk shall disable or physically block any camera, optical reader, or scanning component unless required for identity-verification purposes expressly authorized by this Article and approved by the Commissioner. (2026-45, s. 1.)