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To establish a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and other programs to ensure the transparent management of Bitcoin holdings of the Federal Government, to offset costs utilizing certain resources of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To establish a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and other programs to ensure the transparent management of Bitcoin holdings of the Federal Government, to offset costs utilizing certain resources of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Reserve
5 Modernization Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The global financial landscape is rapidly
4 evolving, with digital assets playing an increasingly
5 significant role in the world economy.

6 (2) Bitcoin has demonstrated resilience, wide-
7 spread adoption, and served as a medium of ex-
8 change and a store of value for more than a decade.

9 (3) Just as gold reserves have historically
10 served as a cornerstone of national financial secu-
11 rity, Bitcoin represents a digital-age asset capable of
12 enhancing the financial leadership and security of
13 the United States in the 21st century global econ-
14 omy.

15 (4) Bitcoin, as a decentralized and finitely
16 scarce digital asset, offers unique properties that
17 could complement existing national reserves, poten-
18 tially strengthening the position of the United States
19 dollar in the global financial system.

20 (5) Diversification of the national assets of the
21 United States to include Bitcoin could enhance fi-
22 nancial resilience and position the United States at
23 the forefront of global financial innovation.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) AIRDROP.—The term “airdrop” means a
 2 distribution of digital assets to holders of Bitcoin in
 3 a broad, equitable, and non-discretionary manner.

4 (2) DIGITAL ASSET.—The term “digital asset”
 5 means any digital representation of value that is re-
 6 corded on a cryptographically secured distributed
 7 ledger.

8 (3) FORK.—The term “fork” means a change
 9 to the consensus mechanism of a distributed ledger
 10 that creates a separate ledger, resulting in a new
 11 digital asset that shares a common transaction his-
 12 tory with Bitcoin up to the point of divergence.

13 (4) QUALIFYING BITCOIN.—The term “quali-
 14 fying Bitcoin” means Bitcoin that was finally for-
 15 feited as part of criminal or civil asset forfeiture
 16 proceedings or in satisfaction of any civil money pen-
 17 alty imposed by any executive department or agency
 18 and that is not needed to satisfy requirements under
 19 section 9705 of title 31, United States Code.

20 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 21 the Secretary of the Treasury.

22 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF STRATEGIC BITCOIN RESERVE**
 23 **AND DIGITAL ASSET STOCKPILE.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) STRATEGIC BITCOIN RESERVE.—The Sec-
2 retary shall, not later than 180 days after the date
3 of enactment of this Act, establish a secure Bitcoin
4 storage facility within the Department of Treasury
5 for the United States, to be known as the Strategic
6 Bitcoin Reserve, for the safekeeping of qualifying
7 Bitcoin holdings.

8 (2) DIGITAL ASSET STOCKPILE.—The Secretary
9 shall, not later than 180 days after the date of en-
10 actment of this Act, establish and administer a sepa-
11 rate structure within the Department of the Treas-
12 ury, to be known as the Digital Asset Stockpile, for
13 the custody, management, and disposition of non-
14 Bitcoin digital assets held by the Federal Govern-
15 ment.

16 (b) OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary shall be responsible
17 for the ongoing monitoring and auditing of the holdings
18 of the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and the Digital Asset
19 Stockpile.

20 (c) SECURITY MEASURES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall imple-
22 ment physical security and cybersecurity measures,
23 using commercially reasonable and technologically
24 appropriate standards, to protect the qualifying

1 Bitcoin and non-Bitcoin digital assets in Strategic
2 Bitcoin Reserve and the Digital Asset Stockpile.

3 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
4 sult and collaborate with the Secretary of Defense,
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security, and industry
6 experts to ensure the highest level of physical secu-
7 rity and cybersecurity for the Strategic Bitcoin Re-
8 serve and the Digital Asset Stockpile.

9 (d) MANAGEMENT OF ASSETS.—

10 (1) All qualifying Bitcoin acquired by the Fed-
11 eral Government shall be deposited in the Strategic
12 Bitcoin Reserve.

13 (2) All other digital assets acquired by the Fed-
14 eral Government shall be deposited in the Digital
15 Asset Stockpile.

16 (3) The Secretary shall have discretion to man-
17 age the Digital Asset Stockpile, including through
18 sale, exchange, or conversion of non-Bitcoin assets,
19 provided that—

20 (A) proceeds from such disposition shall be
21 used exclusively to increase the holdings of the
22 Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, or otherwise reduce
23 the national debt; and

24 (B) all transactions shall be conducted in
25 a transparent and accountable manner con-

1 sistent with Section 6 (Proof of Reserve Sys-
2 tem).

3 (e) RETENTION OF FORKS AND AIRDROPS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
5 that, with respect to assets controlled by the Stra-
6 tegic Bitcoin Reserve and the Digital Asset Stock-
7 pile, all digital assets resulting from forks or air-
8 drops to blockchain addresses under the Govern-
9 ment’s control are accounted for and reasonably
10 stored in the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve or Digital
11 Asset Stockpile, as applicable.

12 (2) PROHIBITION ON IMMEDIATE SALE.—No
13 digital asset stored in the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve
14 or Digital Asset Stockpile that is the result of a fork
15 or airdrop may be sold or otherwise disposed of dur-
16 ing the 5-year period beginning on the date of the
17 fork or airdrop, unless explicitly authorized by law.

18 (3) EVALUATION AND DISPOSITION AFTER THE
19 HOLDING PERIOD.—

20 (A) MARKET CAPITALIZATION ASSESS-
21 MENT.—Upon the expiration of the 5-year hold-
22 ing period described in paragraph (2), the Sec-
23 retary shall conduct an assessment to determine
24 which digital asset resulting from a fork has the
25 highest publicly traded market capitalization.

1 (B) RETENTION OF DOMINANT ASSET.—

2 The Secretary shall retain the digital asset with
3 the highest publicly traded market capitaliza-
4 tion that resulted from the fork.

5 (C) DISPOSITION OF NON-DOMINANT AS-

6 SETS.—The Secretary may sell, auction, or oth-
7 erwise dispose of any digital assets resulting
8 from the fork other than the asset identified
9 pursuant to subparagraph (B), with the pro-
10 ceeds from such disposition to be deposited in
11 the general fund of the Treasury.

12 (D) EXCEPTION FOR NOVEL UTILITY.—If

13 the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
14 retary of Commerce and industry experts, de-
15 termines that a non-dominant forked asset pos-
16 sesses novel technological utility or strategic
17 value to the United States distinct from the
18 dominant asset, the Secretary may recommend
19 to Congress the retention of such asset, not-
20 withstanding subparagraph (C).

21 (f) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure the effective im-
23 plementation and administration of this Act, the
24 Secretary is authorized to issue regulations, promul-
25 gate rules, and adopt internal procedures consistent

1 with the purposes and provisions of this Act. Such
2 regulations may include, but are not limited to, rules
3 governing custody protocols, interagency coordina-
4 tion, digital asset accounting standards, and public
5 reporting requirements.

6 (2) SALES OF QUALIFYING BITCOIN.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary makes
8 a determination under subsection (a) or sub-
9 section (b) that it is in the interest of the
10 United States to sell qualifying Bitcoin held in
11 the Reserve, the Secretary may only sell such
12 qualifying Bitcoin if—

13 (i) the Secretary issues a rule that es-
14 tablishes a process through which the
15 United States shall sell such qualifying
16 Bitcoin; and

17 (ii) the Secretary sells the qualifying
18 Bitcoin in accordance with such rule.

19 (B) PRIORITIES.—The Secretary shall
20 prioritize transparency and the minimization of
21 market disruption when establishing any proc-
22 ess through which the United States will sell
23 qualifying Bitcoin held in the Reserve.

24 (C) REQUIRED DISCLOSURES.—Any proc-
25 ess established by rule under subparagraph (A)

1 through which the United States shall sell
2 qualifying Bitcoin held in the Reserve shall in-
3 clude a public disclosure of—

4 (i) the sale schedule for such quali-
5 fying Bitcoin;

6 (ii) the quantity of qualifying Bitcoin
7 to be sold; and

8 (iii) any additional information the
9 Secretary determines appropriate to pub-
10 licly disclose.

11 **SEC. 5. RESERVE ASSET HOLDING REQUIREMENTS.**

12 (a) MINIMUM HOLDING PERIOD.—To ensure the
13 long-term stability and security of the Strategic Bitcoin
14 Reserve, the Secretary shall hold all Bitcoin acquired by
15 the United States and deposited in the Strategic Bitcoin
16 Reserve, regardless of acquisition method, for not less
17 than 20 years from the date of enactment of this act; after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall hold
19 all Bitcoin acquired by the United States and deposited
20 in the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, regardless of acquisition
21 method, for not less than 20 years from the date of deposit
22 in the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve.

23 (b) RETENTION OF BITCOIN.—During the minimum
24 holding period under subsection (a), no Bitcoin held in the
25 Strategic Bitcoin Reserve may be sold, swapped, auc-

1 tioned, encumbered, or otherwise disposed of for any pur-
2 pose.

3 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER HOLDING PERIOD.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—On the date that is 2 years
5 before the end of the minimum holding period under
6 subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Con-
7 gress recommendations on whether to continue to
8 voluntarily hold or to allow for the gradual and con-
9 trolled release of a portion of the holdings of the
10 Strategic Bitcoin Reserve.

11 (2) RECOMMENDATION.—Upon the expiration
12 of the minimum holding period, the Secretary may
13 recommend selling up to 10 percent of the assets of
14 the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve during any 2-year pe-
15 riod.

16 (3) CONSIDERATIONS.—When making the rec-
17 ommendation under paragraph (2), the Secretary
18 shall consider—

19 (A) the potential impact on the national
20 deficit of selling qualifying Bitcoin held in the
21 Reserve;

22 (B) the long-term viability of Bitcoin as a
23 strategic investment of the United States;

1 (C) the potential effects on the Bitcoin
2 market and other digital asset markets of sell-
3 ing qualifying Bitcoin held in the Reserve;

4 (D) how the level of diversification of the
5 assets held by the United States could be im-
6 pacted by selling qualifying Bitcoin held in the
7 Reserve; and

8 (E) how the financial position and resil-
9 ience of the United States could be impacted by
10 selling qualifying Bitcoin held in the Reserve.

11 (d) STUDY TO SELL BEFORE MINIMUM HOLDING
12 PERIOD.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
13 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Con-
14 gress a study which describes—

15 (1) appropriate conditions in which to sell
16 qualifying Bitcoin before the minimum holding pe-
17 riod described in subsection (a); and

18 (2) any exceptions that the Secretary finds ap-
19 propriate to the minimum holding period described
20 in subsection (a), including for national security and
21 financial stability purposes.

22 **SEC. 6. PROOF OF RESERVE SYSTEM.**

23 To ensure transparency and accountability in the
24 management of the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, the Sec-

1 retary shall establish an ongoing Proof of Reserve system
2 of public cryptographic attestation under which—

3 (1) the Secretary shall—

4 (A) publish quarterly reports on the Stra-
5 tegic Bitcoin Reserve that include detailed in-
6 formation on the total holdings, transactions,
7 and demonstrated control of private keys relat-
8 ing to the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, including
9 a public cryptographic attestation;

10 (B) make the quarterly reports available to
11 the public on an official website of the Depart-
12 ment of Treasury; and

13 (C) select an independent, third-party
14 auditor with expertise in cryptographic attesta-
15 tions to verify the accuracy and integrity of the
16 quarterly reports; and

17 (2) the Comptroller General of the United
18 States shall, to ensure compliance with this Act, con-
19 duct regular oversight of—

20 (A) the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve;

21 (B) the quarterly reports under paragraph
22 (1)(A); and

23 (C) the audits under paragraph (1)(C).

1 **SEC. 7. CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERNMENT BITCOIN AND**
2 **DIGITAL ASSET HOLDINGS.**

3 (a) TEMPORARY CUSTODY AND INVENTORY.—

4 (1) Within 60 days after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the head of each Federal agency shall
6 provide to the Secretary a complete accounting of all
7 Bitcoin and any other digital assets held, seized, or
8 otherwise under the control of such agency.

9 (2) Until the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and
10 Digital Asset Stockpile have been fully established
11 and certified operational pursuant to section 4(a),
12 each Federal agency shall retain custody of its
13 Bitcoin holdings in accordance with existing law, in-
14 cluding any physical or cybersecurity protections,
15 subject to the prohibition in subsection (b).

16 (b) PROHIBITION ON SALE OR ENCUMBRANCE.—No
17 Bitcoin under the control of any Federal agency may be
18 sold, swapped, auctioned, encumbered, or otherwise dis-
19 posed of during the interim period preceding the oper-
20 ational certification of the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, ex-
21 cept—

22 (1) for purposes of national security; or

23 (2) as required by a court of competent juris-
24 diction or to return assets to identifiable victims of
25 crime.

1 (c) TRANSFER TO STRATEGIC BITCOIN RESERVE OR
2 DIGITAL ASSET STOCKPILE.—

3 (1) Upon certification by the Secretary that the
4 Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and Digital Asset Stock-
5 pile is fully operational and capable of secure cus-
6 tody, all Bitcoin and other digital asset holdings of
7 any Federal agency shall be transferred to the Stra-
8 tegic Bitcoin Reserve or Digital Asset Stockpile, as
9 applicable, within 30 days.

10 (2) Transfers under this subsection shall be ex-
11 ecuted under secure custody procedures established
12 by the Secretary to ensure the integrity, traceability,
13 and full auditability of all Bitcoin and other digital
14 assets transferred.

15 **SEC. 8. VOLUNTARY STATE PARTICIPATION AND SEG-**
16 **REGATED ACCOUNTS.**

17 (a) VOLUNTARY STATE PARTICIPATION.—The Sec-
18 retary shall establish a program that allows a State to vol-
19 untarily participate in storing the Bitcoin holdings of the
20 State in the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve in a segregated ac-
21 count.

22 (b) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—A State choos-
23 ing to participate in the program established under sub-
24 section (a) shall sign a contractual agreement outlining

1 the terms and conditions of participation, which shall in-
2 clude—

3 (1) the responsibilities of both the State and
4 the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve in managing and se-
5 curing the Bitcoin holdings of the State in the seg-
6 regated account of the State;

7 (2) a requirement that the State, in coordina-
8 tion with the Secretary, develop and implement ap-
9 propriate security protocols and access controls to
10 ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the seg-
11 regated account of the State; and

12 (3) retention of title, and all attendant legal in-
13 terests, by the State in the Bitcoin held in the seg-
14 regated account, including title to any digital asset
15 that is the result of a fork or airdrop relating to
16 such Bitcoin.

17 (c) WITHDRAW OR TRANSFER.—Each State partici-
18 pating in the program established under subsection (a)
19 shall have the right to withdraw or transfer the contents
20 of the segregated account of the State within the Strategic
21 Bitcoin Reserve, subject to the terms and conditions in
22 the signed contractual agreement under subsection (b) and
23 any applicable Federal regulations.

24 (d) LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.—Any agreement en-
25 tered into under subsection (b) shall include an explicit

1 acknowledgment by the State that digital asset custody
2 carries inherent risks that cannot be eliminated com-
3 pletely, and that the State assumes all risks associated
4 with the voluntary placement of its digital assets in the
5 Strategic Bitcoin Reserve.

6 **SEC. 9. STUDY ON BUDGET NEUTRAL STRATEGIES FOR**
7 **BITCOIN ACQUISITION.**

8 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the
9 Secretary of Commerce shall jointly study, within 180
10 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the risks,
11 costs, and potential benefits of the acquisition of addi-
12 tional bitcoin over the next 5 years, to be held within the
13 Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, and whether it is possible for
14 such acquisition to be performed in a budget neutral man-
15 ner that does not, in practice, increase the national debt
16 nominally or economically.

17 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The study under subsection (a)
18 shall—

19 (1) evaluate whether there are lawful, budget-
20 neutral mechanisms, by which the United States
21 may acquire Bitcoin;

22 (2) identify and evaluate the full cost of acqui-
23 sitions, nominally and economically, of bitcoins
24 through mechanisms including—

1 (A) conversion of non-Bitcoin digital assets
2 held in the Digital Asset Stockpile;

3 (B) structured acquisition funded by dis-
4 cretionary surplus remittances from Federal
5 Reserve Banks or revaluation of gold certifi-
6 cates held by the Federal Reserve Banks;

7 (C) receipt of Bitcoin through civil or
8 criminal forfeiture proceedings, penalties, or
9 settlements;

10 (D) tax payments, tariff revenues, vol-
11 untary contributions, bequests, or gifts made to
12 the United States; or

13 (E) cooperative programs with States, pri-
14 vate entities, or international partners for
15 Bitcoin acquisition or custody; and

16 (3) identify whether any such acquisitions could
17 be budget-neutral, meaning they do not require new
18 appropriations or impose net costs on United States
19 taxpayers or the Federal Government and its agen-
20 cies or increase the national debt nominally or eco-
21 nomically.

22 (c) REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY.—The Sec-
23 retary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce
24 shall submit to the Committees on Banking, Housing, and
25 Urban Affairs and Finance of the Senate and the Commit-

tees on Financial Services and Ways and Means of the
House of Representatives—

(1) an initial study within 180 days after enactment; and

(2) annual updates thereafter detailing new findings.

Each annual report shall include a detailed accounting of projected bitcoin acquisitions' full costs and benefits to United States taxpayers and the Federal Government and its agencies and to the national debt nominally and economically.

(d) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any borrowing, new taxation, or deficit spending for the purpose of acquiring Bitcoin.

SEC. 10. PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

(a) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to—

(1) authorize the Federal Government to seize, confiscate, or otherwise impair any property right in the lawfully acquired Bitcoin holdings of any person;

(2) infringe upon the rights of individuals, businesses, or organizations to purchase, hold, transfer, or dispose of Bitcoin in accordance with the law; or

(3) otherwise affect the functions of the director of the Office of the Management and Budget relat-

1 ing to budgetary, administrative, or legislative pro-
2 posals.

3 (b) AFFIRMATION OF RIGHTS.—This Act affirms and
4 protects the rights of persons to maintain full lawful con-
5 trol over the Bitcoin and other digital assets of those indi-
6 viduals, recognizing that the ability to maintain self-cus-
7 tody of private keys is fundamental to the principles of
8 financial sovereignty, privacy, and personal liberty in the
9 digital age.

10 **SEC. 11. MODIFICATION OF EXCHANGE STABILIZATION**
11 **FUND.**

12 Section 5302(c) of title 31, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, including
15 a detailed accounting of any Bitcoin transactions
16 and holdings” after “all projected liabilities”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, including
18 a specific accounting of any Bitcoin acquired, sold,
19 or held by the fund during year preceding the re-
20 port” after “on the operation of the fund”.

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