

**IC 35-45-15**  
**Chapter 15. Money Laundering**

**IC 35-45-15-0.1**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.63-2012, SEC.64.)*

**IC 35-45-15-1**

**"Criminal activity" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "criminal activity" means any offense that:

- (1) is classified as a felony under Indiana or United States law;  
or
- (2) occurs in another state and is punishable by confinement for more than one (1) year under the laws of that state.

*As added by P.L.112-1998, SEC.2.*

**IC 35-45-15-2**

**"Funds" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "funds" includes the following:

- (1) Coin or paper money of the United States or any other country that is designated as legal tender and that circulates and is customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange in the country of issue.
- (2) United States silver certificates, United States Treasury notes, and Federal Reserve System notes.
- (3) Official foreign bank notes that are customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange in a foreign country.
- (4) Foreign bank drafts.

*As added by P.L.112-1998, SEC.2.*

**IC 35-45-15-3**

**"Law enforcement officer" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement officer" includes a federal enforcement officer.

*As added by P.L.112-1998, SEC.2.*

**IC 35-45-15-4**

**"Proceeds" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "proceeds" means funds acquired or derived directly or indirectly from, produced through, or realized through an act.

*As added by P.L.112-1998, SEC.2.*

**IC 35-45-15-5**

**Money laundering; defenses**

Sec. 5. (a) A person that knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) acquires or maintains an interest in, receives, conceals, possesses, transfers, or transports the proceeds of criminal activity;

(2) conducts, supervises, or facilitates a transaction involving the proceeds of criminal activity; or

(3) invests, expends, receives, or offers to invest, expend, or receive, the proceeds of criminal activity or funds that are the proceeds of criminal activity, and the person knows that the proceeds or funds are the result of criminal activity;

commits money laundering, a Level 6 felony. However, the offense is:

(A) a Level 5 felony if the value of the proceeds or funds is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);

(B) a Level 5 felony if a person commits the crime with the intent to:

(i) commit or promote an act of terrorism; or

(ii) obtain or transport a weapon of mass destruction; and

(C) a Level 4 felony if the value of the proceeds or funds is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and a person commits the crime with the intent to:

(i) commit or promote an act of terrorism; or

(ii) obtain or transport a weapon of mass destruction.

(b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person acted with intent to facilitate the lawful seizure, forfeiture, or disposition of funds or other legitimate law enforcement purpose under Indiana or United States law.

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that:

(1) the transaction was necessary to preserve a person's right to representation as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution or Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana; or

(2) the funds were received as bona fide legal fees by a licensed attorney and, at the time of the receipt of the funds, the attorney did not have actual knowledge that the funds were derived from criminal activity.

*As added by P.L.112-1998, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.123-2002, SEC.42; P.L.158-2013, SEC.544.*