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## **Restore Sound Money in Idaho With H177**

Members of the Idaho Legislature are seeking to enact legislation helping restore sound money and enforce the U.S. Constitution's monetary provisions.

House Bill No. 177 (H177), titled the "Idaho Constitutional Money Act," would officially recognize gold and silver as legal tender — regardless of where it was minted.

## On March 19, Governor Brad Little signed H177 into law.

H177 is a great first step toward enforcing the Constitution's monetary provisions. <u>Article I, Section 10</u>, of the U.S. Constitution plainly states that "No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." It's long overdue that states begin to enforce this provision once again.

Additionally, this bill is an <u>important step toward nullifying</u> the unconstitutional <u>Federal Reserve</u>, which has a monopoly on money, and also reducing Idaho's financial dependence on the federal government. It will also help Idaho avoid the federal government's planned "<u>Central Bank Digital Currencies</u>," which severely threaten privacy and individual freedom.

<u>Article VI</u> of the U.S. Constitution obligates state officials to uphold the Constitution and nullify all laws not "made in Pursuance" of it. Officials at all levels of government must push back against the federal government's many unconstitutional laws and agencies, and robustly enforce the Constitution and only those laws "made in Pursuance thereof." H177 are excellent models for other states to follow.

Urge your state representatives and senator to support H177 and to fully restore sound money in Idaho.