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**Subject: Gloucester Times: Bitcoin ATM Prohibition By-Law Enacted in Gloucester**

**Congratulations to the Gloucester Police Department and the Gloucester City Council for unanimously passing a By-Law prohibiting the use of Bitcoin Machines in Gloucester effective immediately. See the attached Gloucester Times article detailing the process and current “emergency” preamble and status.**

**As bordering States and New York continue to legislate bans and guidelines for the placement of Bitcoin ATM Machines, more and more unsuspecting elders are being scammed every day in Massachusetts. The article documents FBI statistics which indicate scam losses of over \$250 Million Dollars in 2024 alone.**

**Store owners are paid a monthly stipend to install Bitcoin machines in their establishments with no concern of legal liability. Police actions to seize the machines and the enclosed money are often stymied by legal process filed by Law Firms hired by the Bitcoin Companies, resulting in losses of millions of dollars to unsuspecting Senior Citizens or developmentally disabled individuals.**

**The sooner the Legislature takes action to regulate these machines, the better. Until then, local municipalities are encouraged to propose, draft and implement their own by-laws and city ordinances pertaining to Bitcoin installations, placement and use.**

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