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(VIRTU Representative Yordan D. Teuscher proposes the following substitute bill:

### **DIGITAL USER ASSET PAYMENT AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

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#### **LONG TITLE**

### **General Description:**

This bill makes provisions related to the use of {virtual currency} digital user assets to pay taxes to the State Tax Commission.

### **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires the {State Tax Commission} Division of Finance to contract with a third party to accept payment of taxes to the State Tax Commission in {virtual currency} digital user assets.

## Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### **Other Special Clauses:**

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{ None} This bill provides a special effective date.

### **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

**ENACTS:** 

<del>{59-1-307}</del>63A-3-112, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section <del>{59-1-307}</del>63A-3-112 is enacted to read:

{59-1-307}63A-3-112.{ Virtual currency} Digital user asset collection.

- (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Digital asset" means a representation of economic, proprietary, or access rights that is stored in a computer readable format.
- (b) "<del>{Virtual currency}</del> Digital security" means a digital asset which constitutes a security, as that term is defined in Section 70A-8-101.
  - (c) (i) "Digital user asset" means a digital asset that is used {as:
- (i) a medium of exchange;
- (ii) a unit of account; or
- (iii) a store of value.
- (c) "Virtual currency} or bought primarily for consumptive, personal, or household purposes.
  - (ii) "Digital user asset" includes an open blockchain token.
  - (iii) "Digital user asset" does not include :
  - (i) currency the United States government recognizes as legal tender;
- (ii) a transaction in which a merchant grants, as part of an affinity or rewards program, value that cannot be taken from or exchanged with the merchant} a digital security.
- (d) "Service provider" means a person with demonstrated experience exchanging digital user assets for legal tender { or bank credit; or }.
- ({iii}e) {a digital representation of value that a publisher issues for use solely within an online game, game platform, or family of games that the publisher sells or offers on the same game platform.
- (2) The commission} "Tax payment" means a payment for taxes that is paid directly to and is collected by the State Tax Commission.

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- (2) The division shall contract with a {person} service provider to:
- (a) provide a service to collect <u>a</u> tax payment in the form of a {virtual currency} digital user asset; and
  - (b) convert {that currency}the digital asset into legal tender to pay the {commission.
  - (3) The commission}tax payment.
- (3) (a) When contracting with a service provider described in Subsection (2), the division has discretion to choose a service provider that can only provide the exchange service for a limited class or type of digital user asset.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require the division to provide the service described in Subsection (2) for all types of digital user assets.
- (4) The division shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules to establish standards that a person must meet to be eligible to enter into a contract as a service provider.
- (5) The State Tax Commission may collect a convenience {virtual currency} digital user asset payment fee established in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section 63J-1-504 to cover the costs {of virtual currency payments of taxes and fees that the commission administers.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, the commission shall use a fee imposed under this section as a dedicated credit to cover the costs of virtual currency payment.

  †to the State Tax Commission of administering the collection of a digital user asset tax payment.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to impose liability upon the taxpayer or the State Tax Commission for a change in value of the digital user asset after the moment of payment to the service provider.

Section 2. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.