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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022) FLOOR SUBSTITUTE 3 HOUSE BILL NO. 3279 4 By: Humphrey and Pae of the House 5 and 6 Jett of the Senate 7 8 9 10 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE An Act relating to technology; creating the Oklahoma 11 Distributed Ledger Technology Assets Offering Act; providing legislative findings; permitting act be 12 used to regulate medical marijuana; defining terms; 1.3 authorizing state to develop and use distributed ledger technologies; requiring certain software; 14 requiring certain security and legal requirements; permitting use of certain smartphone applications; 15 authorizing additional uses; requiring certain software features; limiting use of convertible virtual currency; prescribing value of convertible 16 virtual currency; providing requirements for digital 17 and smart contracts; requiring a digital identity and wallet; prohibiting use of convertible virtual 18 currency as an investment; requiring use of decision tree; requiring separate digital contract to charge a 19 fee; prescribing procedure for payment; requiring ecosystem operator to collect fees and taxes; 20 requiring ecosystem operator to perform certain

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accounting; prescribing method of compensation;

requiring ecosystem operator to provide certain information; requiring the Oklahoma Tax Commission

Commission, Office of Management and Enterprise

promulgate rules; allowing payment of taxes from

and Office of Management and Enterprise Services to make certain determinations; authorizing the Tax

Services, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer to

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certain sources; permitting Tax Commission to appoint agents for certain purposes; creating requirements for distributed ledger technology asset offering agents; creating requirements for distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operators; authorizing the Tax Commission and Office of Management and Enterprise Services to promulgate rules to validate transactions; allowing certain contracts; allowing use of memorandums of understanding; allowing certain working groups; prohibiting certification as a class action; requiring certain security in action under this act; providing for severability; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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- 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
- 12 | SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
- 13 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12001 of Title 74, unless there
- 14 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
- 16 Distributed Ledger Technology Assets Offering Act".
- 17 | SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
- 18 | codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
- 19 The Legislature makes the following findings concerning the
- 20 | necessity for the Oklahoma Distributed Ledger Technology Assets
- 21 | Offering Act:
- 22 | 1. For the immutable recording of identity, contracts, and
- 23 payments, as well as protocols that govern the production,
- 24 distribution, and consumption of goods and services in a digital

economy, distributed ledger technology assets offering ecosystems afford the most efficient, effective, and transparent method of achieving such, necessitating a proactive strategy to create, maintain, and advance the regulation of Internet activities;

- 2. Especially configured and government-regulated blockchain and distributed ledger technologies have emerged as critical solutions to many Internet crimes, cyberwarfare, tax revenue collection, product diversion, state and non-state acts of terrorism, money laundering, foreign interference with information technologies, and corruption problems; and in view of such, the State of Oklahoma has the potential to foster an Internet of regulation and to create new forms of decentralized platforms and distributed networks and distributed applications, and under the jurisdiction and control of the state, such networks and applications may have advantages over the current centralized Internet platforms and applications;
- 3. The State of Oklahoma has the power and opportunity to establish its own regulatory framework and to realize its potential to become a global leader and a center for companies and entrepreneurs that seek to utilize distributed ledger technology ecosystems to power blockchain- or distributed-ledger-technology-based business models, social media, and governmental systems, all of which will drive innovation within the state and give the State of Oklahoma an economic opportunity and global advantage to develop

a regulated and operated network for local economies, to create new jobs, and export locally developed technologies;

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- 4. Oklahoma's many sovereign entities and governmental units 3 4 are not optimally integrated or united in law enforcement, Internet 5 regulation, or first-responder efforts. Regulated distributed ledger technology assets offerings, digital contracts, and immutable 6 7 identities can enable precise financial auditing and the coordinated tracking and tracing of the activities of criminal elements, cyber 8 incursions, and organized crime, making it more difficult for these 10 criminal and terrorist elements to be able to hide their activities. 11 These same capabilities will augment, facilitate, and integrate the 12 protection of public safety and can immediately help first 13 responders to identify and meet the needs of the citizenry, 14 especially in victim identification, triage, treatment, search-and-15 rescue functions during natural and man-made disaster events, such 16 as pandemics, tornadoes, and floods, and also will assist in 17 detecting and preventing foreign military cyber and signals 18 intelligence operations;
 - 5. The unalterable recordings of revenue collection and product tracking, by any state, county, or local governmental unit or agency of the State of Oklahoma, should occur through an ecosystem operator that has had prior successful participation in state and federal noaction processes pertaining to securities registration, exemption, regulation, and compliance requirements for persons or entities

using distributed ledger technology assets offerings. In addition, an ecosystem operator should have a demonstrated capacity to assist in the incubation of distributed ledger technology utilities, and may be available to assist in incubating use cases and collaborate with other ecosystem operators cooperatively to thwart the creation or formation of monopolies and to promote a thriving, free market approach; and

- 6. The anticipated benefits of the development and use by the State of Oklahoma and its political subdivisions or agencies thereof of an integrated logistics, information, custodial, and payment tracking ecosystem, which uses hack-resistant distributed ledger technologies and a convertible virtual currency include:
 - a. keeping customers' and any government citizens' or licensees' data secure and confidential, under the auspices of Oklahoma licensed fiduciaries, but available to ecosystem participants, stakeholders, regulators, and law enforcement communities on a transparent and need-to-know basis, as allowed or required by relevant laws or agreements between cooperating customers, persons, or parties,
 - automating notifications of a child attempting to purchase contraband,
 - c. minimizing black market activities by:

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(1) integrating smart packaging, facilitated by Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Near-Field Communication (NFC), or other uniquely identifiable technology, to be placed on all products with payments and tracking throughout the supply chain using digital assets and distributed ledger technologies,

- (2) making cashless purchasing easier with biometric identification and database matching and providing for the availability of easy digital asset payment systems, which can also accommodate cash payments as required in specific circumstances where parties do not have access to banking services,
- (3) holding down compliance costs and allowing legal transactions at a lower price point, and
- (4) increasing logistical velocity and improving quality and quantity in supply chains by reducing delivery time, increasing specific product availability, and facilitating predictive, justin-time production, processing, and merchandising,
- d. enhancing the stability of any legal market by:

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- (1) using the cashless, electronic fund transfer of digital assets for transactions between parties within the specified community, including employees, to maximize micropayment capabilities and to create a maximally productive and legally adherent business community wherever lawfully possible,
- (2) reporting shrinkage and lost product in the supply chain at any point and identifying culprits,
- (3) complying with the Anti-Money Laundering and Know Your Customer provisions of the federal Bank Secrecy Act, and the Suspicious Activity Reports of the United States Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network,
- (4) increasing data collection for business owners and policymakers at a lower cost, thus reducing administrative compliance overhead, and
- (5) automating periodic data reporting volume and tracking data from point-of-sale systems, thereby providing policymakers and regulators with data that predicts black market emergence,
- e. generating statistical data for decision-making by:

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- (1) allowing designated agency or authorized political subdivision personnel to create surveys and order data sets,
- (2) allowing digital asset micropayments to obtain survey reporting participation, thereby reinforcing research efficacy,
- (3) establishing and collecting Health Insurance

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 (HIPAA) compliant, self-reported, voluntary

 patient reviews, and correlating and tracking

 specific products for their physiological and

 psychological efficacy, thus enabling patients,

 health care providers, labs, processors, and

 producers to better calibrate and correlate their

 related choices, and
- (4) giving policymakers empirically based and broad statistical samples based on surveys,
- f. optimizing the remittance, accounting, and reporting of tax revenue by:
 - (1) tabulating financials for businesses and regulators and making data available to business owners and government agencies in an expedient manner and on a need-to-know basis, while using data privacy best practices,

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- (2) allowing regulators to calculate business or activity density, estimate illegal activity, and model taxation rates to compete with and minimize black market activities,
- (3) monitoring consumer price sensitivity to allow for appropriate modification of taxation policy, and
- (4) keeping retail prices below the threshold consistent with best practices for preventing illegal activities,
- g. allowing local and tribal governments to train first responders and search-and-rescue dogs as critical adjuncts to a distributed ledger technology assets offering used in a payment and tracking ecosystem for detecting and preventing criminal activity, tax evasion, and other unlawful behaviors, and also used in response to natural and man-made disasters,
- h. enabling vocational technical training in distributed ledger technologies for incarcerated persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections, and
- i. facilitating public and private education on the usefulness of distributed ledger technologies and the law through Oklahoma Bar Foundation programs.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be 2 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act may first be implemented for the lawful regulation of the medical marijuana industry so long as the commodity is lawfully permitted for use in the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12002 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

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- "Application programming interface" means a connection between computers or between computer programs using a type of software interface offering a service to other pieces of software;
- 2. "Blockchain" means a system or digital ledger of transactions maintained by a network of computers in a way that makes it difficult to hack or alter, and every time a new transaction occurs on the blockchain, a record of that transaction is added to every participant's ledger. "Blockchain" may also be interpreted as "ecosystem" interchangeably;
- 3. "Consumptive purpose" means a purpose to provide or receive goods, services, or content, including access to goods, services, or content;
- 4. "Convertible virtual currency" means a substitute or avatar for real and legally recognized currency, even though it does not have the status of legal tender. Convertible virtual currency

includes convertible digital currency, digital assets, or
distributed ledger technology assets, a convertible virtual
currency;

- 5. "Customer" means any person, corporation, or entity who may qualify for the required Anti-Money Laundering and Know Your Customer provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C., Section 5311 et seq., and thereby obtains confirmation of their identity;
- 6. "Decision tree" means a decision support tool that uses a tree-like model of decisions and possible consequences, including chance event outcomes, to record agreements between parties;
- 7. "Digital contract" means a coded contract that functions as an immutable digital agreement which is entered into between customers, in order to specify the terms and conditions of payment, custody, performance, timing, delivery, tax remittance, regulatory compliance, escrow, contingencies, choice of law, forum, or other terms. Digital contract does not mean an asset or convertible virtual currency;
- 8. "Digital identity" means immutable information about an entity or individual used by computer systems to record and represent an external or internal agent, which may be a person, organization, application, or device, and any permissive access relative to such is protected with biometric identification.

 Digital identity is functional software programmed uniquely for the

individual customer and cannot be resold, duplicated, or counterfeited;

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- 9. "Digital asset processor" means a method for recording and converting virtual currency as a digital asset to and from United States dollars, where both the processor and currencies use distributed ledger technologies and smart contracts programmed with computer code that will enable self-executing escrow accounts, also referred to as an electronic fund transfer system interchange;
- 10. "Distributed ledger technology" means a type of database spread across multiple sites, regions, or participants, known as validators, that does not require a sequence of blocks;
- 11. "Distributed ledger technology asset" means a digital unit with specified characteristics, secured through a decentralized ledger or database, exchangeable for goods or services, and capable of being traded or transferred between persons with the use of a distributed ledger technology asset offering agent and fiduciary or the custodial intermediary. A distributed ledger technology asset is a digital unit that is:
 - a. created in response to the verification or collection of a specified number of transactions relating to a digital ledger or database by deploying computer code to a blockchain or distributed ledger technology network that allows for the creation of distributed ledger technology assets, or

- b. recorded in a digital ledger or database that is chronological, consensus-based, decentralized, and mathematically verified in nature, especially relating to the supply of units and their distribution;
- 12. "Digital ledger technology asset offering card" means any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, identification card, credit plate, gift card, prepaid card, charge plate, debit card, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an ecosystem operator for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services, or anything of value on credit or debit;

- 13. "Distributed ledger technology asset offering agent" means a person who is appointed by a distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator and who is a licensed attorney with at least fifteen (15) years of law practice, in good standing with the Oklahoma Bar Association, and is appointed as counsel by the submission of entry of appearance documentation to the Oklahoma Department of Securities, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and the Oklahoma Tax Commission;
- 14. "Electronic funds transfer" means any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, which is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephonic instrument, computer, or magnetic tape, so as to order, instruct, or authorize a financial institution to debit or credit an account. Such term includes, but is not limited to, point-of-sale

transfers, automated teller machine transactions, automated clearinghouses, direct deposits or withdrawals of funds, and transfers initiated by telephone;

- 15. "Electronic funds transfer system interchange" means a distributed ledger technology asset offering, an interchange platform, or digital asset processor, which operates with a protocol that allows customers to acquire and transfer any fiat currencies, lawful cryptocurrencies, digital assets, convertible virtual currency, or distributed ledger technology assets from one form of value to the other by using a convertible virtual currency to acquire and to transfer;
- 16. "Ecosystem" means a complex network of an interconnected technology system or systems;
- 17. "Distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator" or "ecosystem operator" means a person or entity contracted with the State of Oklahoma or its instrumentalities, agencies, or political subdivisions, which employs at least one licensed Oklahoma fiduciary as its principal agent and which has general supervisory control over the subject ecosystem and provides to its customers smart contracts for electronic funds transfers, tax remittances, contract forms, escrow, custody, and goods and services tracking that become obligations for customers to pay the ecosystem operator by agreement and in accordance with the terms of a designated and immutable smart contract;

18. "Fintech" means a combination of finance and technology and is a technology that seeks to improve, support, and automate payment, banking, and other financial services;

- 19. "Hack" means to use a computer to gain unauthorized access to data in a system;
- 20. "Micropayment" means small transactions or payments usually of less than One Dollar (\$1.00) and, in some cases, only a fraction of a cent that are mainly made online and which are a way to leverage the Internet to facilitate the immediate distribution of digital rights, royalties, in-game purchases, online tipping, and to coordinate devices connected via the Internet;
- 21. "Onboarding" means identifying and adding customers to an ecosystem by first qualifying them with Anti-Money Laundering and Know Your Customer provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C., Section 5311 et seq.;
- 22. "Smart contract" means a self-executing digital contract, which can be an escrow agreement, with the terms of the agreement between buyer and seller directly written into lines of code wherein the code and the agreement contained therein exist across a distributed, decentralized, blockchain network. Smart contracts are not digital assets but are software packages and use distributed ledger technologies with unalterable accounting and immutable identification and escrow functions; and

23. "Travel Rule" means the rule promulgated under the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 C.F.R., Section 1010.410(f), which requires financial institutions to pass certain information on to the next financial institution in certain funds transmittals involving more than one financial institution.

- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12003 of Title 74, unless there
 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. Utilizing the assistance of any distributed ledger technology company that contracts with the state, the State of Oklahoma shall develop and employ an integrated logistics, information, and payment tracking ecosystem as a publicly owned, operated, and regulated payment tracking utility network, which uses hack-resistant, distributed ledger technologies in support of state agencies and tribal, county, and local governmental units:
 - To facilitate information and revenue recording, collection,
 and sharing; and
 - 2. To prevent cybercrimes, black market activities, money laundering, and tax evasion.
 - B. Every distributed ledger technology ecosystem described in this section shall use types of software that are:
- 1. Digital representations of dollars such as convertible virtual currency;

- 2. Digital representations of identities such as blockchain and biometrics; or
- 3. Digital representations of contracts such as digital and smart contracts.

- C. To contract with the state or any of its political subdivisions, a distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem which is equipped to license, maintain, and offer for sale software and to perform electronic funds transfers and logistical tracking services using digital assets or convertible virtual currencies as the medium of value transfer shall fulfill the following minimum threshold securities regulatory requirements:
- 1. Prior to the acceptance by a state, county, or local governmental unit or agency of a vendor's bid or offer to contract, the prospective ecosystem or distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator shall show proof of having successfully participated in a state or federal convertible virtual currency and payment gateway demonstration and no-action processes; and
- 2. Demonstrate the proper procedural protocol publicly or privately in a test of the distributed ledger technology to the satisfaction of the state or federal securities regulators' compliance review processes.
- D. Preferences should be given to ecosystem operator applicants which have capabilities of a distributed ledger technology ecosystem incubator or which have obtained United States Treasury, United

States Department of Agriculture, and government charters, or certification as community development entities or credit programs which have maintained such status for at least ten (10) years and which are headed by licensed Oklahoma fiduciaries.

- E. Every fintech vendor or data company employing blockchain or distributed ledger technologies on behalf of the state, or its political subdivisions or agencies, and operating within the state shall adhere to the securities and finance laws of the state and the United States.
- F. A convertible virtual currency or digital asset designed and used by the state and any of its agencies or political subdivisions shall be prepaid and stable and shall be designed for correlated payment and the tracking of goods, services, and custodians.
- G. Distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operators or blockchain specialized vendors may use smartphone applications for the purchase and redemption of the convertible virtual currencies for onboarding customers who need payment and tracking services pursuant to any state-authorized program.
- H. Every distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem shall be designed as a publicly owned, operated, and regulated entity and as the property of the State of Oklahoma and to become autonomous and disintermediated by using programmable smart contracts managed by algorithms and encoded with relevant state, county, local, tribal, or federal laws and regulations for taxation,

accounting, escrows, remittances, custody tracking, and other applications.

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- The initial use case shall be a distributed ledger Τ. technology asset offering ecosystem which shall provide an integrated logistics, payment, and tax recording and remittance system for the use of government taxing and regulatory authorities that will also provide for customer payment and custody transfers using escrow and smart contracts for services and goods at the retail and wholesale levels among producers, merchants, and customers.
- J. Every distributed ledger technology or fintech vendor shall tailor its technology to comply with and conform to the state's anti-monopoly and records laws and to include regulations for dispute resolution, evidentiary proceedings, money services businesses, tax revenue remittance, tax reporting, securities, and escrow.
- For logistical tracking and recording, the ecosystem shall use correlated payment-custodian-product registries, technologies, or other vendors with lawfully permissive technology for the state and the ecosystem to achieve its ends, such as matching Radio Frequency Identification, quick response code, or other bar-codeenabled identification.
- 23 Pursuant to the ecosystem's requirements, agencies, L. customers, or users of the software shall:

a. create an unalterable recorded digital identity or digital account, or technology such as a lawful digital wallet, and

- b. open a digital or smart contract account which shall enable the customer or user to interact within the ecosystem; and
- 2. Customers may purchase software-based contracts as digital contracts for customer-to-customer, customer-to-business, business-to-business, government-to-customer, business-to-government, or government-to-government.
- SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12004 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. For convertible virtual currency designed for the state and its political subdivisions, an entity operating an ecosystem, and any entity affiliated with an ecosystem operator, shall not use any proceeds from the convertible virtual currency sales, purchases, transfers, or conversions to develop the ecosystem, applications, or platforms referenced by this act, which shall be fully developed and operational at the time of any convertible virtual currency transfer or conversion.
- B. The convertible virtual currency designed for the state and its political subdivisions shall be exclusively marketed to customers and immediately usable for its intended function or

functions at the time it is purchased, sold, transferred, or converted and not with any potential for the increase in the market value of the convertible virtual currency.

- C. An ecosystem operator shall restrict sales, purchases, transfers, and conversions of the convertible virtual currency to ecosystem digital wallets only.
- D. Any customer who holds convertible virtual currency designed for the state and its political subdivisions may only transfer or convert the convertible virtual currency at the face value of One United States Dollar (\$1.00) per convertible virtual currency to another ecosystem-approved wallet.
- E. An ecosystem operator shall sell, purchase, transfer, and convert the convertible virtual currency designed for the state or its political subdivisions at a price of One United States Dollar (\$1.00) per convertible virtual currency throughout the life of the program, and each convertible virtual currency shall represent an ecosystem obligation to convert or transfer the convertible virtual currency at a value of One United States Dollar (\$1.00) per convertible virtual currency.
- F. Convertible virtual currency designed for the state or its political subdivisions shall be fully backed by United States dollar assets deposited in United States financial institutions.
- G. Selling, buying, converting, or transferring convertible virtual currency designed for the state or its political

- subdivisions for less or more than One United States Dollar (\$1.00)
 shall be technologically impossible.
- 3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12005 of Title 74, unless there 5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- A. Digital contracts or smart contracts used by this state and its political subdivisions shall be programmed for accountancy, identity, regulatory permissibility, and legality, credit verification, product location, work performance, customer status, agreements, and various relationships as conditions precedent to escrowed funds release.
- B. Smart contracts shall track performance from inception to completion and legally satisfy the release from escrow, which initiates a convertible virtual currency transfer.
- C. The ecosystem network provided for the benefit of state agencies, political subdivisions, and tribal-level entities on a voluntary basis shall be controlled and regulated by an electronic funds transfer system interchange.
- D. Anyone who interacts with the ecosystem shall have a digital identity, or like technology, which shall be a precondition to initiating a convertible virtual currency transfer.
- E. Any transfer of convertible virtual currency shall be in accordance with the Travel Rule as defined in Section 4 of this act.

F. Customers shall agree with a conspicuous electronic signature declaring that they are acquiring the convertible virtual currency for a consumptive purpose and not as an investment, nor with an expectation that the convertible virtual currency shall earn profits based upon the activities and efforts of third parties.

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- G. Convertible virtual currency functionality shall always be associated with a digital contract, which shall determine the terms of how, when, where, and to whom any convertible virtual currency is transferred or converted by an ecosystem operator.
- H. Before any transfer, purchase, sale, or conversion of convertible virtual currency is finalized, the customer shall first enter decision tree terms to show mutuality of consent between customers.
- I. To form a smart contract or to obtain any services from an ecosystem, customers in a supply chain must agree to terms and fees for using the smart contract software, which may be established by the participating state agency, political subdivision, or tribal entity regulating that ecosystem operator who provides various services in exchange for the customer paying the fees to the ecosystem operator, as set forth in a smart contract agreement for services rendered as determined between the parties or by operation or direction of the participating government agency, tribal entity, or political subdivision.

J. Customers may purchase digital contracts and the negotiation of the charged fee in another digital contract, which is the smart contract, escrow, and accounting tool that determines the income going to an ecosystem operator for its services and that defines that particular relationship of an ecosystem operator-to-customer and any controlling law or regulation affecting or specifying contractual relationships.

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The digital contract shall determine how an ecosystem operator compensates the customer and how the customer compensates its ecosystem operator for goods and services. The contents of a digital contract may be determined by reference to existing terms administered by an ecosystem operator as an agent of a participating state agency, tribe, or political subdivision, but any participation by a tribal entity must be voluntary and as part of a memorandum of understanding or other appropriate agreement as provided by this act or by federal, state, or tribal law. A digital contract and payment to the customer by an ecosystem operator may include, but is not limited to, customer efforts as measured by volume of transfers or conversions, payment for the customer filling out a survey, or a referral fee for additional customers brought in by a customer. Services that an ecosystem operator may provide to customers for which the operator is compensated may include such matters as identification, transfers, conversions, agreements, escrow, consent, due diligence, custody, taxation, or other matters.

L. Any state-authorized ecosystem operator shall extract fees pursuant to the controlling law, regulation, agency rule, or digital contract account's defined terms, debited from the business's or customer's bank account as payment for the ecosystem operator's services. The defined terms for those services shall be found in the digital contract accounts or the relevant law or regulation affecting the specific agency, political subdivision, or tribal entity.

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- M. An ecosystem operator's debits and credits shall be entered onto the immutable ledger in the form of a customer credit or debit to their digital wallets or corresponding bank accounts using automated clearinghouse services and application program interface.
- N. Compensation shall be paid to or by an ecosystem operator in United States dollars. Any fees an ecosystem operator charges for transfers, conversions, escrows, tax remittances, or other services performed in assisting in the execution of customers' transactions, or digital contracts entered between customers, shall be based upon a negotiated fee schedule, which shall be calculated, accounted for, tracked, and collected from any transaction between the customers, and a deduction shall be debited from the customers' accounts pursuant to an agreement as memorialized in the smart contract account. Such fees charged may differ depending on matters such as the type of transaction, identity of the parties to the transaction,

amount and level of services or goods, and the terms of individual smart contracts.

- O. Tax remittances, withholding, reporting, or payments shall be determined by reference to the digital or smart contract, and that particular ecosystem operator in that transaction shall collect the same as an agent on behalf of individuals, businesses, government regulators, and taxing authorities. Nothing in this subsection shall be used to limit the authority or power of agencies to define the contours best applicable to the custody and transfer of monies owed to the state.
 - SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12006 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator shall provide relevant tax revenue and information sharing optimization models, designs, and processes to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and shall prevent tax evasion and other financial crimes.

- SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12007 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall determine which cards or smartphone applications shall be accepted. However, the Tax Commission shall ensure that no loss of state revenue shall occur

using any such card or smartphone application in relation to tax collection and remittance.

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- B. The Tax Commission and Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall promulgate rules to allow for the orderly implementation of payment by digital assets and distributed ledger technologies using the services of an ecosystem operator.
- SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12008 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. Taxes may be collected using a digital asset loaded onto a card or smartphone application as a credit or a prepaid store of value as long as no loss of state revenue shall occur by the acceptance of such payment.
- B. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have discretion to determine the nature of the instrument or device used for tax remittance, so long as the Tax Commission ensures that the electronic funds transfer solution does not result in any loss of state revenue because of the use of such a card, device, or application. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules to allow for the orderly implementation of payment by convertible virtual currency. The digitized credit or distributed ledger technology asset shall then be transmitted via electronic fund transfer system interchange.

C. The Tax Commission, or the applicable taxing jurisdiction, may exercise authority to ensure monies correlation as with the purpose of this act.

- D. Businesses shall assist in the collection of taxes. The Tax Commission may mandate how the taxes are paid when using electronic fund transfer cards or smartphone applications. The duty to pay and collect the tax shall be on the customer, business, or other end user.
- SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12009 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations on how to collect taxes using a convertible virtual currency, by and through the services of distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operators, to provide a functional electronic funds transfer asset offering system interchange platform and network.
 - B. The Tax Commission may appoint a qualified ecosystem operator as its agent to assist in collecting taxes using distributed ledger technologies and for enforcing the tax laws by examination and investigation.
- SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12010 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator is required to appoint, and always have in place, a distributed ledger technology asset offering agent:

- 1. Who shall be a licensed attorney in good standing with the Oklahoma Bar Association; and
- 2. Whose representation is made known to the Oklahoma

 Department of Securities, the Office of Management and Enterprise

 Services, and the Oklahoma Tax Commission.
- 9 B. The distributed ledger technology asset offering agent 10 shall:
 - 1. Ensure that his or her ecosystem operator has satisfied all requirements as prescribed in the provisions of this act and of any rules or regulations issued thereunder, including that such issuer is a fit and proper person to carry out the activity or activities under this act;
 - 2. Advise and guide his or her ecosystem operator as to its responsibilities and obligations to ensure compliance with the provisions of this act and any rules or regulations issued thereunder:
 - 3. Advise and guide his or her ecosystem operator on all matters relating to the admission of the issuer's convertible virtual currencies for transfer on an electronic fund transfer system interchange, and ongoing interchanges and transfers thereon,

and submit all required documentation and information in relation thereto;

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- 4. Submit to the United States Securities and Exchange
 Commission, Oklahoma Department of Securities, Office of Management
 and Enterprise Services, Oklahoma Banking Department and the Tax
 Commission all required information and documentation under this act
 and any regulations made or rules issued thereunder, including the
 confirmations in terms, in a timely manner;
- 5. Disclose to the Office of Management and Enterprise
 Services, the Tax Commission, or other cooperating agencies,
 political subdivisions, or tribal entities without delay any
 information or explanations that those agencies may reasonably
 require for the purpose of verifying any information submitted;
- 6. Act as liaison between the ecosystem operator and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Tax Commission on all matters in connection with the transfer of his or her ecosystem operator's distributed ledger technology assets on an electronic fund transfer system interchange;
- 7. Notify the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Tax Commission in writing without delay of the distributed ledger technology asset offering agent's resignation, his or her intention to surrender his or her appointment, or if his or her appointment is terminated, giving details of any relevant fact or

circumstances thereto. A copy of such notification shall also be sent to the ecosystem operator;

- 8. Submit to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Tax Commission, on behalf of his or her ecosystem operator, an annual certificate of compliance; and
- 9. Comply with any other conditions as the Oklahoma Department of Securities, Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and the Tax Commission may require or as may be prescribed.
- C. In discharging his or her obligations under subsection B of this section, a distributed ledger technology asset offering agent shall:
 - 1. Deal with the Oklahoma Department of Securities, Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and the Tax Commission in an open and cooperative manner;
 - 2. Deal promptly with all inquiries raised by any such agency;
 - 3. Disclose to the agencies in a timely manner any material information relating to the agent's or his or her ecosystem operator's, of which the agent has knowledge of, noncompliance with any of the provisions of this act or of any regulations made or rules issued thereunder; and
- 4. Provide upon request, and without unreasonable delay, data to the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency to ensure that policymakers are operating with transparent datasets.

SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12011 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator shall:

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- 1. Conduct its business with honesty and integrity;
- 2. Communicate with all stakeholders in a fair, clear, and non-misleading manner;
 - 3. Conduct its business with due skill, care, and diligence;
 - 4. Identify and manage any conflict of interest that may arise;
- 5. Have effective arrangements in place for the protection of stakeholders' and customers' funds;
 - 6. Have effective administration arrangements;
- 7. Maintain all of its systems and security access protocols to appropriate international standards; and
- 8. When an ecosystem operator maintains a website and is required to make public disclosures, make public any information or provide notice to the public on its website as required by law.
- SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12012 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission, the State Treasurer, the

 Secretary of State, and the Office of Management and Enterprise

 Services shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this

act including, without limitation, the implementation of methods to validate transactions for distributed ledger technologies.

- B. The Tax Commission and Office of Management and Enterprise Services may contract with third-party vendors and other governmental entities to carry out the respective duties and functions as specified in this act, and may work with the Oklahoma State Banking Department, the State Treasurer, and the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority to develop good practices and standards for banking and finance for distributed ledger technology assets offering businesses.
- C. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services, Secretary of State, Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, and the Tax Commission may be assisted by ecosystem operators and shall be authorized to enter and negotiate the terms of any memorandums of understanding between themselves and other states, federal, tribal, county, and local governments and agencies thereof in effectuating the terms of this act.
- D. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the Tax

 Commission, the Secretary of State, the Oklahoma State Banking

 Department, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma

 Department of Securities, Oklahoma Development Finance Authority,

 and the State Treasurer may participate in an interagency working

 group, assisted by ecosystem operators designated by the agencies,

 for implementing data-driven solutions for sustainable economic

- development, financial crime, and tax evasion problems by using distributed ledger technologies.
- 3 E. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services may
- 4 | coordinate with any designated ecosystem operator to determine the
- 5 | funding requirements and information data points state agencies and
- 6 local governments need in order to optimize their regulatory duties
- 7 | for compliance and enforcement and for using fintech and databases.
- 8 | The Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Tax
- 9 | Commission shall appoint a steering committee or working group to
- 10 determine the compliance burdens and optimal revenue sharing
- 11 | formulas between the local and state governmental subunits.
- 12 | Thereafter, there shall be developed a formula for revenue sharing
- or apportioning regulatory funding based upon the needs and burdens
- 14 of state agencies and local governments, all to be memorialized by a
- 15 | memorandum of understanding.

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- 16 | SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
- 17 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12013 of Title 74, unless there
- 18 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- 19 No cause of action brought pursuant to this act shall be
- 20 certified as a class action.

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- 21 SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
- 22 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12014 of Title 74, unless there
- 23 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- A. An individual filing any pleading that raises or attempts to raise a claim under this act must file at the same time as filing the pleading a surety bond or other security if the pendency of the case would impede or interfere with:
- The operation of any distributed ledger technology asset offering ecosystem operator;
 - 2. The collection of any tax;
 - 3. The tracking of products, payments, or custodians; or
- 4. Any other state or local governmental function under this act.
- B. The surety bond or other security required by subsection A of this section must be approved by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and shall be in such form and amount as applicable tax law shall require or, in the absence of a specific requirement, in such amount as the Tax Commission may require, and shall be signed as surety by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state. In lieu of such surety bond, a claimant may file with the court clerk security in the form of a negotiable bond or other obligation of the United States or this state of an actual market value not less than the amount fixed by applicable law or the Tax Commission.
- C. The surety bond or other security required by this section shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00).

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