**Senator Curtis S. Bramble** proposes the following substitute bill:

| PREPAID WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE   |
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| AMENDMENTS  |
| 2020 GENERAL SESSION  |
| STATE OF UTAH   |
| Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble  |
| House Sponsor:  |
| LONG TITLE  |
| General Description:  |
| This bill modifies provisions related to prepaid wireless telecommunications service.                 |
| Highlighted Provisions:   |
| This bill:  |
| <ul><li>defines terms;</li></ul>  |
| <ul> <li>modifies the charge imposed on a transaction for prepaid wireless</li> </ul>                 |
| telecommunications service to support the Universal Public Telecommunications                         |
| Service Support Fund;   |
| <ul> <li>provides that the seller in a transaction for prepaid wireless telecommunications</li> </ul> |
| service shall collect the charge and remit the revenue to the State Tax Commission;                   |
| <ul> <li>allows the State Tax Commission to share certain information with the Public</li> </ul>      |
| Service Commission related to charges on prepaid wireless telecommunications                          |
| service remitted to the State Tax Commission; and   |
| <ul> <li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li> </ul>   |
| Money Appropriated in this Bill:  |
| None  |
| Other Special Clauses:  |



| 26   | This bill provides a special effective date.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 27   | <b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28   | AMENDS:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29   | 54-8b-15, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 423  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30   | 59-1-306, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 136  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31   | 59-1-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Second Special Session, Chapter 6  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32   | 59-1-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 329  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33   | 59-1-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 61   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34   | 59-1-1402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 329   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35   | 59-12-107, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 486   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36   | 59-12-108, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Second Special Session, Chapter 6   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37   | 59-12-128, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 430   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38   | 63H-7a-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 430  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39   | 63H-7a-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 509  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40   | 63H-7a-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 509  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.1  | 69-2-101, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 430  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41   | 07-2-101, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Otan 2017, Chapter 450  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41   | 69-2-405, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 509  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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- 03-04-20 7:48 PM 1st Sub. (Green) S.B. 225 57 class of customers that requests service within the local exchange. 58 (c) "Connection" means an authorized session that uses Internet protocol or a 59 functionally equivalent technology standard to enable an end-user to initiate or receive a call 60 from the public switched network. 61 (d) "Fund" means the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund 62 established in this section. 63 (e) "Non-rate-of-return regulated" means having price flexibility under Section 64 54-8b-2.3. 65 (f) "Rate-of-return regulated" means subject to regulation under Section 54-4-4. (g) "Wholesale broadband Internet access service" means the end-user loop component 66 of Internet access provided by a rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort that is used to 67 68 provide, at retail: 69 (i) combined consumer voice and broadband Internet access; or 70
  - (ii) stand-alone, consumer, broadband-only Internet access.
  - (2) (a) There is established an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund."
    - (b) The fund shall provide a mechanism for a qualifying carrier of last resort to obtain specific, predictable, and sufficient funds to deploy and manage, for the purpose of providing service to end-users, networks capable of providing:
      - (i) access lines;

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- (ii) connections; or
  - (iii) wholesale broadband Internet access service.
- (c) The commission shall develop, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and consistent with this section, policies and procedures to govern the administration of the fund.
- (3) Subject to this section, the commission shall use funds in the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund to:
  - (a) fund the hearing and speech impaired program described in Section 54-8b-10:
- (b) fund a lifeline program that covers the reasonable cost to an eligible telecommunications carrier, as determined by the commission, to offer lifeline service consistent with the Federal Communications Commission's lifeline program for low-income

| 88 | consumers;  |
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| 89 | (c) fund, for the purpose of providing service to end-users, a rate-of-return regulated or  |
| 90 | non-rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's deployment and management of networks |
| 91 | capable of providing:   |
| 92 | (i) access lines;   |
| 93 | (ii) connections; or  |
| 94 | (iii) wholesale broadband Internet access service that is consistent with Federal           |
| 95 | Communications Commission rules; and  |
| 96 | (d) fund one-time distributions from the Universal Public Telecommunications Service        |
| 97 | Support Fund for a non-rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's deployment and     |

- Support Fund for a non-rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's deployment and management of networks capable of providing:
- (i) access lines;
- 100 (ii) connections; or

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- (iii) broadband Internet access service.
- (4) (a) A rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort is eligible for payment from the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund if:
  - (i) the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort provides the services described in Subsections (3)(c)(i) through (iii); and
- (ii) the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's reasonable costs, as determined by the commission, to provide public telecommunications service and wholesale broadband Internet access service are greater than the sum of:
- (A) the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's revenue from basic residential service considered affordable by the commission;
- (B) the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's regulated revenue derived from providing other public telecommunications service;
- (C) the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's revenue from rates approved by the Federal Communications Commission for wholesale broadband Internet access service; and
- (D) the amount the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort receives from federal universal service funds.
- (b) A non-rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort is eligible for payment from the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund for reimbursement of reasonable

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- 119 costs as determined by the commission if the non-rate-of-return regulated carrier meets criteria 120 that are: 121 (i) consistent with Subsections (2) and (3); and 122 (ii) developed by the commission by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 123 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. 124 (5) A rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort that qualifies for funds under this 125 section: 126 (a) is entitled to a rate of return equal to the weighted average cost of capital rate of 127 return prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission for rate-of-return regulated 128 carriers; and 129 (b) may use any depreciation method allowed by the Federal Communications 130 Commission. 131 (6) (a) The commission shall determine if a rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort 132 is correctly applying a depreciation method described in Subsection (5)(b). 133 (b) If the commission determines under Subsection (6)(a) that a rate-of-return regulated 134 carrier of last resort is incorrectly applying a depreciation method or that the rate-of-return 135 regulated carrier of last resort is not using a depreciation method allowed by the Federal 136 Communications Commission, the commission shall issue an order that provides corrections to 137 the rate-of-return regulated carrier of last resort's method of depreciation. 138 (7) A carrier of last resort that receives funds from the Universal Public 139 Telecommunications Service Support Fund may only use the funds in accordance with this 140 section within the area for which the carrier of last resort has a carrier of last resort obligation. 141 (8) (a) [Each] Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b), each access line provider and 142 each connection provider shall contribute to the Universal Public Telecommunications Service 143 Support Fund through an explicit charge assessed by the commission on the access line 144 provider or connection provider. 145 (b) The charge described in Subsection (8)(a) does not apply to a prepaid wireless
  - telecommunications service, as defined in Section 69-2-405, that is subject to the service charge described in Subsection 69-2-405(2)(b).
  - (9) The commission shall calculate the amount of each explicit charge described in Subsection (8) using a method developed by the commission by rule made in accordance with

| 150 | Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that:                                  |
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| 151 | (a) does not discriminate against:   |
| 152 | (i) any access line or connection provider; or   |
| 153 | (ii) the technology used by any access line or connection provider;                              |
| 154 | (b) is competitively neutral; and  |
| 155 | (c) is a function of an access line or connection provider's:                                    |
| 156 | (i) annual intrastate revenue;   |
| 157 | (ii) number of access lines or connections in the state; or                                      |
| 158 | (iii) a combination of an access line or connection provider's annual intrastate revenue         |
| 159 | and number of access lines or connections in the state.  |
| 160 | (10) The commission shall develop the method described in Subsection (9) before                  |
| 161 | January 1, 2018.   |
| 162 | (11) An access line or connection provider that provides mobile telecommunications               |
| 163 | service shall contribute to the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund         |
| 164 | only to the extent permitted by the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 4 U.S.C. Sec.        |
| 165 | 116 et seq.  |
| 166 | (12) Nothing in this section shall be construed to enlarge or reduce the commission's            |
| 167 | jurisdiction or authority, as provided in other provisions of this title.                        |
| 168 | (13) A person that fails to make a required contribution to the fund created by this             |
| 169 | section, or that fails to comply with a commission directive concerning the person's books,      |
| 170 | records, or other information required by the commission to administer this section, is subject  |
| 171 | to applicable penalties.   |
| 172 | (14) Nothing in this section gives the commission the authority:                                 |
| 173 | (a) to regulate broadband Internet access service;   |
| 174 | (b) to require a carrier of last resort to provide broadband Internet access service; or         |
| 175 | (c) assess a contribution in violation of the Internet Tax Freedom Act, 47 U.S.C. Sec.           |
| 176 | 151 note.  |
| 177 | (15) (a) A facilities-based or nonfacilities-based wireless telecommunication provider           |
| 178 | is eligible for distributions from the Universal Telecommunications Service Support Fund         |
| 179 | under the lifeline program described in Subsection (3)(b) for providing lifeline service that is |
| 180 | consistent with the Federal Communications Commission's lifeline program for low-income          |
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| 182 | (b) Except as provided in Subsection (15)(c), the commission may impose reasonable                  |
| 183 | conditions for providing a distribution to a wireless telecommunication provider under the          |
| 184 | lifeline program described in Subsection (3)(b).  |
| 185 | (c) The commission may not require a wireless telecommunication provider to offer                   |
| 186 | unlimited local calling to a lifeline customer as a condition of receiving a distribution under the |
| 187 | lifeline program described in Subsection (3)(b).  |
| 188 | (16) The commission shall report to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology                    |
| 189 | Interim Committee each year before November 1 regarding:  |
| 190 | (a) the contribution method described in Subsection (9);  |
| 191 | (b) the amount of distributions from and contributions to the Universal Public                      |
| 192 | Telecommunications Service Support Fund during the last fiscal year;                                |
| 193 | (c) the availability of services for which Subsection (3) permits Universal Public                  |
| 194 | Telecommunications Service Support Fund funds to be used; and                                       |
| 195 | (d) the effectiveness and efficiency of the Universal Public Telecommunications                     |
| 196 | Service Support Fund.   |
| 197 | Section 2. Section <b>59-1-306</b> is amended to read:  |
| 198 | 59-1-306. Definition State Tax Commission Administrative Charge Account                             |
| 199 | Amount of administrative charge Deposit of revenues into the restricted account                     |
| 200 | Interest deposited into General Fund Expenditure of money deposited into the                        |
| 201 | restricted account.   |
| 202 | (1) As used in this section, "qualifying tax, fee, or charge" means a tax, fee, or charge           |
| 203 | the commission administers under:   |
| 204 | (a) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;                            |
| 205 | (b) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act;                      |
| 206 | (c) Section 19-6-714;   |
| 207 | (d) Section 19-6-805;   |
| 208 | (e) Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, other than a tax under Chapter 12, Part 1, Tax               |
| 209 | Collection, or Chapter 12, Part 18, Additional State Sales and Use Tax Act;                         |
| 210 | (f) Section 59-27-105;  |
| 211 | (g) Section 63H-1-205; or   |

212 (h) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications 213 Service Charges. 214 (2) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "State 215 Tax Commission Administrative Charge Account." 216 (3) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the restricted account shall consist of 217 administrative charges the commission retains and deposits in accordance with this section. 218 (4) For purposes of this section, the administrative charge is a percentage of revenues 219 the commission collects from each qualifying tax, fee, or charge of not to exceed the lesser of: 220 (a) 1.5%; or (b) an equal percentage of revenues the commission collects from each qualifying tax, 221 222 fee, or charge sufficient to cover the cost to the commission of administering the qualifying 223 taxes, fees, or charges. 224 (5) The commission shall deposit an administrative charge into the restricted account. 225 (6) Interest earned on the restricted account shall be deposited into the General Fund. 226 (7) The commission shall expend money appropriated by the Legislature to the 227 commission from the restricted account to administer qualifying taxes, fees, or charges. 228 Section 3. Section **59-1-401** is amended to read: 229 59-1-401. Definitions -- Offenses and penalties -- Rulemaking authority -- Statute 230 of limitations -- Commission authority to waive, reduce, or compromise penalty or 231 interest. 232 (1) As used in this section: (a) "Activated tax, fee, or charge" means a tax, fee, or charge with respect to which the 233 234 commission: 235 (i) has implemented the commission's GenTax system; and 236 (ii) at least 30 days before implementing the commission's GenTax system as described 237 in Subsection (1)(a)(i), has provided notice in a conspicuous place on the commission's website 238 stating: (A) the date the commission will implement the GenTax system with respect to the tax, 239 240 fee, or charge; and 241 (B) that, at the time the commission implements the GenTax system with respect to the 242 tax, fee, or charge:

243 (I) a person that files a return after the due date as described in Subsection (2)(a) is 244 subject to the penalty described in Subsection (2)(c)(ii); and 245 (II) a person that fails to pay the tax, fee, or charge as described in Subsection (3)(a) is 246 subject to the penalty described in Subsection (3)(b)(ii). 247 (b) "Activation date for a tax, fee, or charge" means with respect to a tax, fee, or 248 charge, the later of: 249 (i) the date on which the commission implements the commission's GenTax system 250 with respect to the tax, fee, or charge; or 251 (ii) 30 days after the date the commission provides the notice described in Subsection 252 (1)(a)(ii) with respect to the tax, fee, or charge. 253 (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), "tax, fee, or charge" means: 254 (A) a tax, fee, or charge the commission administers under: 255 (I) this title: 256 (II) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act; (III) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act; 257 258 (IV) Section 19-6-410.5; 259 (V) Section 19-6-714; 260 (VI) Section 19-6-805: 261 (VII) Section 34A-2-202; 262 (VIII) Section 40-6-14; or 263 (IX) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service Charges; or 264 265 (B) another amount that by statute is subject to a penalty imposed under this section. 266 (ii) "Tax, fee, or charge" does not include a tax, fee, or charge imposed under: 267 (A) Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, except for Section 41-1a-301; 268 (B) Title 41, Chapter 3, Motor Vehicle Business Regulation Act; 269 (C) Chapter 2, Property Tax Act, except for Section 59-2-1309; 270 (D) Chapter 3, Tax Equivalent Property Act; or 271 (E) Chapter 4, Privilege Tax. 272 (d) "Unactivated tax, fee, or charge" means a tax, fee, or charge except for an activated 273 tax, fee, or charge.

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274 (2) (a) The due date for filing a return is: 275 (i) if the person filing the return is not allowed by law an extension of time for filing 276 the return, the day on which the return is due as provided by law; or 277 (ii) if the person filing the return is allowed by law an extension of time for filing the 278 return, the earlier of: 279 (A) the date the person files the return; or 280 (B) the last day of that extension of time as allowed by law. 281 (b) A penalty in the amount described in Subsection (2)(c) is imposed if a person files a 282 return after the due date described in Subsection (2)(a). 283 (c) For purposes of Subsection (2)(b), the penalty is an amount equal to the greater of: 284 (i) if the return described in Subsection (2)(b) is filed with respect to an unactivated 285 tax, fee, or charge: 286 (A) \$20: or 287 (B) 10% of the unpaid unactivated tax, fee, or charge due on the return; or 288 (ii) if the return described in Subsection (2)(b) is filed with respect to an activated tax, 289 fee, or charge, beginning on the activation date for the tax, fee, or charge: 290 (A) \$20; or 291 (B) (I) 2% of the unpaid activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return if the return is 292 filed no later than five days after the due date described in Subsection (2)(a); 293 (II) 5% of the unpaid activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return if the return is filed 294 more than five days after the due date but no later than 15 days after the due date described in 295 Subsection (2)(a); or 296 (III) 10% of the unpaid activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return if the return is 297 filed more than 15 days after the due date described in Subsection (2)(a). 298 (d) This Subsection (2) does not apply to: 299 (i) an amended return; or 300 (ii) a return with no tax due. 301 (3) (a) A person is subject to a penalty for failure to pay a tax, fee, or charge if: 302 (i) the person files a return on or before the due date for filing a return described in 303 Subsection (2)(a), but fails to pay the tax, fee, or charge due on the return on or before that due

| 305 | (ii) the person:   |
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| 306 | (A) is subject to a penalty under Subsection (2)(b); and                                     |
| 307 | (B) fails to pay the tax, fee, or charge due on a return within a 90-day period after the    |
| 308 | due date for filing a return described in Subsection (2)(a);                                 |
| 309 | (iii) (A) the person is subject to a penalty under Subsection (2)(b); and                    |
| 310 | (B) the commission estimates an amount of tax due for that person in accordance with         |
| 311 | Subsection 59-1-1406(2);   |
| 312 | (iv) the person:   |
| 313 | (A) is mailed a notice of deficiency; and  |
| 314 | (B) within a 30-day period after the day on which the notice of deficiency described in      |
| 315 | Subsection (3)(a)(iv)(A) is mailed:  |
| 316 | (I) does not file a petition for redetermination or a request for agency action; and         |
| 317 | (II) fails to pay the tax, fee, or charge due on a return;                                   |
| 318 | (v) (A) the commission:  |
| 319 | (I) issues an order constituting final agency action resulting from a timely filed petition  |
| 320 | for redetermination or a timely filed request for agency action; or                          |
| 321 | (II) is considered to have denied a request for reconsideration under Subsection             |
| 322 | 63G-4-302(3)(b) resulting from a timely filed petition for redetermination or a timely filed |
| 323 | request for agency action; and   |
| 324 | (B) the person fails to pay the tax, fee, or charge due on a return within a 30-day period   |
| 325 | after the date the commission:   |
| 326 | (I) issues the order constituting final agency action described in Subsection                |
| 327 | (3)(a)(v)(A)(I); or  |
| 328 | (II) is considered to have denied the request for reconsideration described in               |
| 329 | Subsection $(3)(a)(v)(A)(II)$ ; or   |
| 330 | (vi) the person fails to pay the tax, fee, or charge within a 30-day period after the date   |
| 331 | of a final judicial decision resulting from a timely filed petition for judicial review.     |
| 332 | (b) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a), the penalty is an amount equal to the greater of:     |
| 333 | (i) if the failure to pay a tax, fee, or charge as described in Subsection (3)(a) is with    |
| 334 | respect to an unactivated tax, fee, or charge:   |
| 335 | (A) \$20; or   |

- (B) 10% of the unpaid unactivated tax, fee, or charge due on the return; or
- (ii) if the failure to pay a tax, fee, or charge as described in Subsection (3)(a) is with respect to an activated tax, fee, or charge, beginning on the activation date:
  - (A) \$20; or

- (B) (I) 2% of the unpaid activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return if the activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return is paid no later than five days after the due date for filing a return described in Subsection (2)(a);
- (II) 5% of the unpaid activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return if the activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return is paid more than five days after the due date for filing a return described in Subsection (2)(a) but no later than 15 days after that due date; or
- (III) 10% of the unpaid activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return if the activated tax, fee, or charge due on the return is paid more than 15 days after the due date for filing a return described in Subsection (2)(a).
- (4) (a) Beginning January 1, 1995, in the case of any underpayment of estimated tax or quarterly installments required by Sections 59-5-107, 59-5-207, 59-7-504, and 59-9-104, there shall be added a penalty in an amount determined by applying the interest rate provided under Section 59-1-402 plus four percentage points to the amount of the underpayment for the period of the underpayment.
- (b) (i) For purposes of Subsection (4)(a), the amount of the underpayment shall be the excess of the required installment over the amount, if any, of the installment paid on or before the due date for the installment.
- (ii) The period of the underpayment shall run from the due date for the installment to whichever of the following dates is the earlier:
  - (A) the original due date of the tax return, without extensions, for the taxable year; or
- (B) with respect to any portion of the underpayment, the date on which that portion is paid.
- (iii) For purposes of this Subsection (4), a payment of estimated tax shall be credited against unpaid required installments in the order in which the installments are required to be paid.
- (5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and except as provided in Subsection (6), a person allowed by law an extension of time for filing a corporate franchise or income tax return

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- under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or an individual income tax return under Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, is subject to a penalty in the amount described in Subsection (5)(b) if, on or before the day on which the return is due as provided by law, not including the extension of time, the person fails to pay:
  - (i) for a person filing a corporate franchise or income tax return under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, the payment required by Subsection 59-7-507(1)(b); or
  - (ii) for a person filing an individual income tax return under Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, the payment required by Subsection 59-10-516(2).
  - (b) For purposes of Subsection (5)(a), the penalty per month during the period of the extension of time for filing the return is an amount equal to 2% of the tax due on the return, unpaid as of the day on which the return is due as provided by law.
- (6) If a person does not file a return within an extension of time allowed by Section 59-7-505 or 59-10-516, the person:
  - (a) is not subject to a penalty in the amount described in Subsection (5)(b); and
  - (b) is subject to a penalty in an amount equal to the sum of:
  - (i) a late file penalty in an amount equal to the greater of:
- 383 (A) \$20; or
  - (B) 10% of the tax due on the return, unpaid as of the day on which the return is due as provided by law, not including the extension of time; and
    - (ii) a late pay penalty in an amount equal to the greater of:
- 387 (A) \$20; or
  - (B) 10% of the unpaid tax due on the return, unpaid as of the day on which the return is due as provided by law, not including the extension of time.
  - (7) (a) Additional penalties for an underpayment of a tax, fee, or charge are as provided in this Subsection (7)(a).
  - (i) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(c), if any portion of an underpayment of a tax, fee, or charge is due to negligence, the penalty is 10% of the portion of the underpayment that is due to negligence.
  - (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(d), if any portion of an underpayment of a tax, fee, or charge is due to intentional disregard of law or rule, the penalty is 15% of the entire underpayment.

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398 (iii) If any portion of an underpayment is due to an intent to evade a tax, fee, or charge, 399 the penalty is the greater of \$500 per period or 50% of the entire underpayment. 400 (iv) If any portion of an underpayment is due to fraud with intent to evade a tax, fee, or 401 charge, the penalty is the greater of \$500 per period or 100% of the entire underpayment. 402 (b) If the commission determines that a person is liable for a penalty imposed under 403 Subsection (7)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv), the commission shall notify the person of the proposed 404 penalty. 405 (i) The notice of proposed penalty shall: 406 (A) set forth the basis of the assessment; and 407 (B) be mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, to the person's last-known address. 408 (ii) Upon receipt of the notice of proposed penalty, the person against whom the 409 penalty is proposed may: 410 (A) pay the amount of the proposed penalty at the place and time stated in the notice; 411 or 412 (B) proceed in accordance with the review procedures of Subsection (7)(b)(iii). 413 (iii) A person against whom a penalty is proposed in accordance with this Subsection 414 (7) may contest the proposed penalty by filing a petition for an adjudicative proceeding with 415 the commission. 416 (iv) (A) If the commission determines that a person is liable for a penalty under this 417 Subsection (7), the commission shall assess the penalty and give notice and demand for 418 payment. 419 (B) The commission shall mail the notice and demand for payment described in 420 Subsection (7)(b)(iv)(A): 421 (I) to the person's last-known address; and 422 (II) in accordance with Section 59-1-1404. 423 (c) A seller that voluntarily collects a tax under Subsection 59-12-107(2)(d) is not 424 subject to the penalty under Subsection (7)(a)(i) if on or after July 1, 2001: 425 (i) a court of competent jurisdiction issues a final unappealable judgment or order 426 determining that:

(A) the seller meets one or more of the criteria described in Subsection 59-12-107(2)(a)

or is a seller required to pay or collect and remit sales and use taxes under Subsection

| 429 | 59-12-107(2)(b) or (2)(c); and  |
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| 430 | (B) the commission or a county, city, or town may require the seller to collect a tax       |
| 431 | under Subsections 59-12-103(2)(a) through (d); or   |
| 432 | (ii) the commission issues a final unappealable administrative order determining that:      |
| 433 | (A) the seller meets one or more of the criteria described in Subsection 59-12-107(2)(a)    |
| 434 | or is a seller required to pay or collect and remit sales and use taxes under Subsection    |
| 435 | 59-12-107(2)(b) or (2)(c); and  |
| 436 | (B) the commission or a county, city, or town may require the seller to collect a tax       |
| 437 | under Subsections 59-12-103(2)(a) through (d).  |
| 438 | (d) A seller that voluntarily collects a tax under Subsection 59-12-107(2)(d) is not        |
| 439 | subject to the penalty under Subsection (7)(a)(ii) if:                                      |
| 440 | (i) (A) a court of competent jurisdiction issues a final unappealable judgment or order     |
| 441 | determining that:   |
| 442 | (I) the seller meets one or more of the criteria described in Subsection 59-12-107(2)(a)    |
| 443 | or is a seller required to pay or collect and remit sales and use taxes under Subsection    |
| 444 | 59-12-107(2)(b) or (2)(c); and  |
| 445 | (II) the commission or a county, city, or town may require the seller to collect a tax      |
| 446 | under Subsections 59-12-103(2)(a) through (d); or   |
| 447 | (B) the commission issues a final unappealable administrative order determining that:       |
| 448 | (I) the seller meets one or more of the criteria described in Subsection 59-12-107(2)(a)    |
| 449 | or is a seller required to pay or collect and remit sales and use taxes under Subsection    |
| 450 | 59-12-107(2)(b) or (2)(c); and  |
| 451 | (II) the commission or a county, city, or town may require the seller to collect a tax      |
| 452 | under Subsections 59-12-103(2)(a) through (d); and  |
| 453 | (ii) the seller's intentional disregard of law or rule is warranted by existing law or by a |
| 454 | nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the   |
| 455 | establishment of new law.   |
| 456 | (8) (a) Subject to Subsections (8)(b) and (c), the penalty for failure to file an           |
| 457 | information return, information report, or a complete supporting schedule is \$50 for each  |
| 458 | information return, information report, or supporting schedule up to a maximum of \$1,000.  |
| 459 | (b) If an employer is subject to a penalty under Subsection (13), the employer may not      |

Subsection 59-10-406(3)(b)(ii).

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- (c) If an employer is subject to a penalty under this Subsection (8) for failure to file a return in accordance with Subsection 59-10-406(3) on or before the due date described in Subsection 59-10-406(3)(b)(ii), the commission may not impose a penalty under this Subsection (8) unless the return is filed more than 14 days after the due date described in
- (9) If a person, in furtherance of a frivolous position, has a prima facie intent to delay or impede administration of a law relating to a tax, fee, or charge and files a purported return that fails to contain information from which the correctness of reported tax, fee, or charge liability can be determined or that clearly indicates that the tax, fee, or charge liability shown is substantially incorrect, the penalty is \$500.
- 471 (10) (a) A seller that fails to remit a tax, fee, or charge monthly as required by 472 Subsection 59-12-108(1)(a):
  - (i) is subject to a penalty described in Subsection (2); and
  - (ii) may not retain the percentage of sales and use taxes that would otherwise be allowable under Subsection 59-12-108(2).
    - (b) A seller that fails to remit a tax, fee, or charge by electronic funds transfer as required by Subsection 59-12-108(1)(a)(ii)(B):
      - (i) is subject to a penalty described in Subsection (2); and
    - (ii) may not retain the percentage of sales and use taxes that would otherwise be allowable under Subsection 59-12-108(2).
      - (11) (a) A person is subject to the penalty provided in Subsection (11)(c) if that person:
    - (i) commits an act described in Subsection (11)(b) with respect to one or more of the following documents:
  - (A) a return;
- 485 (B) an affidavit;
- 486 (C) a claim; or
- 487 (D) a document similar to Subsections (11)(a)(i)(A) through (C);
- 488 (ii) knows or has reason to believe that the document described in Subsection (11)(a)(i) 489 will be used in connection with any material matter administered by the commission; and
- 490 (iii) knows that the document described in Subsection (11)(a)(i), if used in connection

| 491 | with any material matter administered by the commission, would result in an understatement of    |
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| 492 | another person's liability for a tax, fee, or charge.  |
| 493 | (b) The following acts apply to Subsection (11)(a)(i):   |
| 494 | (i) preparing any portion of a document described in Subsection (11)(a)(i);                      |
| 495 | (ii) presenting any portion of a document described in Subsection (11)(a)(i);                    |
| 496 | (iii) procuring any portion of a document described in Subsection (11)(a)(i);                    |
| 497 | (iv) advising in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document described          |
| 498 | in Subsection (11)(a)(i);  |
| 499 | (v) aiding in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document described in          |
| 500 | Subsection (11)(a)(i);   |
| 501 | (vi) assisting in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document described         |
| 502 | in Subsection (11)(a)(i); or   |
| 503 | (vii) counseling in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document                 |
| 504 | described in Subsection (11)(a)(i).  |
| 505 | (c) For purposes of Subsection (11)(a), the penalty:   |
| 506 | (i) shall be imposed by the commission;  |
| 507 | (ii) is \$500 for each document described in Subsection (11)(a)(i) with respect to which         |
| 508 | the person described in Subsection (11)(a) meets the requirements of Subsection (11)(a); and     |
| 509 | (iii) is in addition to any other penalty provided by law.                                       |
| 510 | (d) The commission may seek a court order to enjoin a person from engaging in                    |
| 511 | conduct that is subject to a penalty under this Subsection (11).                                 |
| 512 | (e) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the             |
| 513 | commission may make rules prescribing the documents that are similar to Subsections              |
| 514 | (11)(a)(i)(A) through (C).   |
| 515 | (12) (a) As provided in Section 76-8-1101, criminal offenses and penalties are as                |
| 516 | provided in Subsections (12)(b) through (e).   |
| 517 | (b) (i) A person who is required by this title or any laws the commission administers or         |
| 518 | regulates to register with or obtain a license or permit from the commission, who operates       |
| 519 | without having registered or secured a license or permit, or who operates when the registration, |
| 520 | license, or permit is expired or not current, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.                |
| 521 | (ii) Notwithstanding Section 76-3-301, for purposes of Subsection (12)(b)(i), the                |

| 522 | penalty may not:  |
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| 523 | (A) be less than \$500; or  |
| 524 | (B) exceed \$1,000.   |
| 525 | (c) (i) With respect to a tax, fee, or charge, a person who knowingly and intentionally,            |
| 526 | and without a reasonable good faith basis, fails to make, render, sign, or verify a return within   |
| 527 | the time required by law or to supply information within the time required by law, or who           |
| 528 | makes, renders, signs, or verifies a false or fraudulent return or statement, or who supplies false |
| 529 | or fraudulent information, is guilty of a third degree felony.                                      |
| 530 | (ii) Notwithstanding Section 76-3-301, for purposes of Subsection (12)(c)(i), the                   |
| 531 | penalty may not:  |
| 532 | (A) be less than \$1,000; or  |
| 533 | (B) exceed \$5,000.   |
| 534 | (d) (i) A person who intentionally or willfully attempts to evade or defeat a tax, fee, or          |
| 535 | charge or the payment of a tax, fee, or charge is, in addition to other penalties provided by law,  |
| 536 | guilty of a second degree felony.   |
| 537 | (ii) Notwithstanding Section 76-3-301, for purposes of Subsection (12)(d)(i), the                   |
| 538 | penalty may not:  |
| 539 | (A) be less than \$1,500; or  |
| 540 | (B) exceed \$25,000.  |
| 541 | (e) (i) A person is guilty of a second degree felony if that person commits an act:                 |
| 542 | (A) described in Subsection (12)(e)(ii) with respect to one or more of the following                |
| 543 | documents:  |
| 544 | (I) a return;   |
| 545 | (II) an affidavit;  |
| 546 | (III) a claim; or   |
| 547 | (IV) a document similar to Subsections (12)(e)(i)(A)(I) through (III); and                          |
| 548 | (B) subject to Subsection (12)(e)(iii), with knowledge that the document described in               |
| 549 | Subsection $(12)(e)(i)(A)$ :  |
| 550 | (I) is false or fraudulent as to any material matter; and   |
| 551 | (II) could be used in connection with any material matter administered by the                       |
| 552 | commission.   |

| 553 | (ii) The following acts apply to Subsection (12)(e)(i):                                   |
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| 554 | (A) preparing any portion of a document described in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A);            |
| 555 | (B) presenting any portion of a document described in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A);           |
| 556 | (C) procuring any portion of a document described in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A);            |
| 557 | (D) advising in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document described    |
| 558 | in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A);  |
| 559 | (E) aiding in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document described in   |
| 560 | Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A);   |
| 561 | (F) assisting in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document described   |
| 562 | in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A); or   |
| 563 | (G) counseling in the preparation or presentation of any portion of a document            |
| 564 | described in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A).  |
| 565 | (iii) This Subsection (12)(e) applies:  |
| 566 | (A) regardless of whether the person for which the document described in Subsection       |
| 567 | (12)(e)(i)(A) is prepared or presented:   |
| 568 | (I) knew of the falsity of the document described in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A); or         |
| 569 | (II) consented to the falsity of the document described in Subsection (12)(e)(i)(A); and  |
| 570 | (B) in addition to any other penalty provided by law.                                     |
| 571 | (iv) Notwithstanding Section 76-3-301, for purposes of this Subsection (12)(e), the       |
| 572 | penalty may not:  |
| 573 | (A) be less than \$1,500; or  |
| 574 | (B) exceed \$25,000.  |
| 575 | (v) The commission may seek a court order to enjoin a person from engaging in             |
| 576 | conduct that is subject to a penalty under this Subsection (12)(e).                       |
| 577 | (vi) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,         |
| 578 | the commission may make rules prescribing the documents that are similar to Subsections   |
| 579 | (12)(e)(i)(A)(I) through (III).   |
| 580 | (f) The statute of limitations for prosecution for a violation of this Subsection (12) is |
| 581 | the later of six years:   |
| 582 | (i) from the date the tax should have been remitted; or                                   |
| 583 | (ii) after the day on which the person commits the criminal offense.                      |

- 584 (13) (a) Subject to Subsection (13)(b), an employer that is required to file a form with 585 the commission in accordance with Subsection 59-10-406(8) is subject to a penalty described 586 in Subsection (13)(b) if the employer: 587 (i) fails to file the form with the commission in an electronic format approved by the 588 commission as required by Subsection 59-10-406(8); 589 (ii) fails to file the form on or before the due date provided in Subsection 59-10-406(8); 590 (iii) fails to provide accurate information on the form; or 591 (iv) fails to provide all of the information required by the Internal Revenue Service to 592 be contained on the form. 593 (b) For purposes of Subsection (13)(a), the penalty is: 594 (i) \$30 per form, not to exceed \$75,000 in a calendar year, if the employer files the 595 form in accordance with Subsection 59-10-406(8), more than 14 days after the due date 596 provided in Subsection 59-10-406(8) but no later than 30 days after the due date provided in 597 Subsection 59-10-406(8); 598 (ii) \$60 per form, not to exceed \$200,000 in a calendar year, if the employer files the 599 form in accordance with Subsection 59-10-406(8), more than 30 days after the due date 600 provided in Subsection 59-10-406(8) but on or before June 1; or 601 (iii) \$100 per form, not to exceed \$500,000 in a calendar year, if the employer: 602 (A) files the form in accordance with Subsection 59-10-406(8) after June 1; or 603 (B) fails to file the form. 604 (14) Upon making a record of its actions, and upon reasonable cause shown, the 605 commission may waive, reduce, or compromise any of the penalties or interest imposed under 606 this part. 607 Section 4. Section **59-1-402** is amended to read: 608 59-1-402. Definitions -- Interest. 609 (1) As used in this section: 610
  - (a) "Final judicial decision" means a final ruling by a court of this state or the United States for which the time for any further review or proceeding has expired.
  - (b) "Retroactive application of a judicial decision" means the application of a final judicial decision that:
    - (i) invalidates a state or federal taxation statute; and

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615 (ii) requires the state to provide a refund for an overpayment that was made: 616 (A) prior to the final judicial decision; or 617 (B) during the 180-day period after the final judicial decision. 618 (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), "tax, fee, or charge" means: 619 (A) a tax, fee, or charge the commission administers under: 620 (I) this title; 621 (II) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act; 622 (III) Title 10. Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act: 623 (IV) Section 19-6-410.5; 624 (V) Section 19-6-714; (VI) Section 19-6-805; 625 626 (VII) Section 34A-2-202; 627 (VIII) Section 40-6-14; or 628 (IX) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless 629 Telecommunications Service Charges; or 630 (B) another amount that by statute is subject to interest imposed under this section. 631 (ii) "Tax, fee, or charge" does not include a tax, fee, or charge imposed under: 632 (A) Title 41. Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, except for Section 41-1a-301: 633 (B) Title 41, Chapter 3, Motor Vehicle Business Regulation Act; 634 (C) Chapter 2, Property Tax Act, except for Section 59-2-1309; 635 (D) Chapter 3, Tax Equivalent Property Act; 636 (E) Chapter 4, Privilege Tax; or 637 (F) Chapter 13, Part 5, Interstate Agreements. 638 (2) Except as otherwise provided for by law, the interest rate for a calendar year for a 639 tax, fee, or charge administered by the commission shall be calculated based on the federal 640 short-term rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury under Section 6621, Internal 641 Revenue Code, in effect for the preceding fourth calendar quarter. 642 (3) The interest rate calculation shall be as follows: 643 (a) except as provided in Subsection (7), in the case of an overpayment or refund, 644 simple interest shall be calculated at the rate of two percentage points above the federal 645 short-term rate; or

646 (b) in the case of an underpayment, deficiency, or delinquency, simple interest shall be 647 calculated at the rate of two percentage points above the federal short-term rate. 648 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) or (3), the interest rate applicable to certain 649 installment sales for purposes of a tax under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, 650 shall be determined in accordance with Section 453A, Internal Revenue Code, as provided in 651 Section 59-7-112. 652 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), interest may not be allowed on an 653 overpayment of a tax, fee, or charge if the overpayment of the tax, fee, or charge is refunded 654 within: (i) 45 days after the last date prescribed for filing the return with respect to a tax under 655 656 Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, 657 if the return is filed electronically; or 658 (ii) 90 days after the last date prescribed for filing the return: 659 (A) with respect to a tax, fee, or charge, except for a tax under Chapter 7, Corporate 660 Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act; or 661 (B) if the return is not filed electronically. (b) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), if the return is filed after the last date 662 663 prescribed for filing the return, interest may not be allowed on the overpayment if the 664 overpayment is refunded within: 665 (i) 45 days after the date the return is filed: 666 (A) with respect to a tax under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or 667 Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act; and 668 (B) if the return is filed electronically; or 669 (ii) 90 days after the date the return is filed: 670 (A) with respect to a tax, fee, or charge, except for a tax under Chapter 7, Corporate 671 Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act; or 672 (B) if the return is not filed electronically. 673 (c) (i) In the case of an amended return, interest on an overpayment shall be allowed: 674 (A) for a time period: 675 (I) that begins on the later of:

(Aa) the date the original return was filed; or

| (Bb) the due date for    | or filing the original | return not including | any extensions | for filing |
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| the original return; and |                        |                      |                |            |

- (II) that ends on the date the commission receives the amended return; and
- (B) if the commission does not make a refund of an overpayment under this Subsection (5)(c):
  - (I) if the amended return is with respect to a tax under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, and is filed electronically, within a 45-day period after the date the commission receives the amended return, for a time period:
    - (Aa) that begins 46 days after the commission receives the amended return; and
  - (Bb) subject to Subsection (5)(c)(ii), that ends on the date that the commission completes processing the refund of the overpayment; or
  - (II) if the amended return is with respect to a tax, fee, or charge except for a tax under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, or is not filed electronically, within a 90-day period after the date the commission receives the amended return, for a time period:
    - (Aa) that begins 91 days after the commission receives the amended return; and
  - (Bb) subject to Subsection (5)(c)(ii), that ends on the date that the commission completes processing the refund of the overpayment.
  - (ii) For purposes of Subsection (5)(c)(i)(B)(I)(Bb) or (5)(c)(i)(B)(II)(Bb), interest shall be calculated forward from the preparation date of the refund document to allow for processing.
  - (6) Interest on any underpayment, deficiency, or delinquency of a tax, fee, or charge shall be computed from the time the original return is due, excluding any filing or payment extensions, to the date the payment is received.
  - (7) Interest on a refund relating to a tax, fee, or charge may not be paid on any overpayment that arises from a statute that is determined to be invalid under state or federal law or declared unconstitutional under the constitution of the United States or Utah if the basis for the refund is the retroactive application of a judicial decision upholding the claim of unconstitutionality or the invalidation of a statute.
    - Section 5. Section **59-1-403** is amended to read:

this title; or

| 708 | 59-1-403. Confidentiality Exceptions Penalty Application to property tax.                           |
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| 709 | (1) (a) Any of the following may not divulge or make known in any manner any                        |
| 710 | information gained by that person from any return filed with the commission:                        |
| 711 | (i) a tax commissioner;   |
| 712 | (ii) an agent, clerk, or other officer or employee of the commission; or                            |
| 713 | (iii) a representative, agent, clerk, or other officer or employee of any county, city, or          |
| 714 | town.   |
| 715 | (b) An official charged with the custody of a return filed with the commission is not               |
| 716 | required to produce the return or evidence of anything contained in the return in any action or     |
| 717 | proceeding in any court, except:  |
| 718 | (i) in accordance with judicial order;  |
| 719 | (ii) on behalf of the commission in any action or proceeding under:                                 |
| 720 | (A) this title; or  |
| 721 | (B) other law under which persons are required to file returns with the commission;                 |
| 722 | (iii) on behalf of the commission in any action or proceeding to which the commission               |
| 723 | is a party; or  |
| 724 | (iv) on behalf of any party to any action or proceeding under this title if the report or           |
| 725 | facts shown by the return are directly involved in the action or proceeding.                        |
| 726 | (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b), a court may require the production of, and may               |
| 727 | admit in evidence, any portion of a return or of the facts shown by the return, as are specifically |
| 728 | pertinent to the action or proceeding.  |
| 729 | (2) This section does not prohibit:   |
| 730 | (a) a person or that person's duly authorized representative from receiving a copy of               |
| 731 | any return or report filed in connection with that person's own tax;                                |
| 732 | (b) the publication of statistics as long as the statistics are classified to prevent the           |
| 733 | identification of particular reports or returns; and  |
| 734 | (c) the inspection by the attorney general or other legal representative of the state of the        |
| 735 | report or return of any taxpayer:   |
| 736 | (i) who brings action to set aside or review a tax based on the report or return;                   |
| 737 | (ii) against whom an action or proceeding is contemplated or has been instituted under              |

- 739 (iii) against whom the state has an unsatisfied money judgment.
  - (3) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and for purposes of administration, the commission may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for a reciprocal exchange of information with:
    - (i) the United States Internal Revenue Service; or
  - (ii) the revenue service of any other state.
  - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and for all taxes except individual income tax and corporate franchise tax, the commission may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, share information gathered from returns and other written statements with the federal government, any other state, any of the political subdivisions of another state, or any political subdivision of this state, except as limited by Sections 59-12-209 and 59-12-210, if the political subdivision, other state, or the federal government grant substantially similar privileges to this state.
  - (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and for all taxes except individual income tax and corporate franchise tax, the commission may by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for the issuance of information concerning the identity and other information of taxpayers who have failed to file tax returns or to pay any tax due.
  - (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall provide to the director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, as defined in Section 19-6-402, as requested by the director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, any records, returns, or other information filed with the commission under Chapter 13, Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act, or Section 19-6-410.5 regarding the environmental assurance program participation fee.
  - (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), at the request of any person the commission shall provide that person sales and purchase volume data reported to the commission on a report, return, or other information filed with the commission under:
    - (i) Chapter 13, Part 2, Motor Fuel; or
    - (ii) Chapter 13, Part 4, Aviation Fuel.
- 768 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), upon request from a tobacco product manufacturer, 769 as defined in Section 59-22-202, the commission shall report to the manufacturer:

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- 770 (i) the quantity of cigarettes, as defined in Section 59-22-202, produced by the 771 manufacturer and reported to the commission for the previous calendar year under Section 772 59-14-407; and
  - (ii) the quantity of cigarettes, as defined in Section 59-22-202, produced by the manufacturer for which a tax refund was granted during the previous calendar year under Section 59-14-401 and reported to the commission under Subsection 59-14-401(1)(a)(v).
  - (g) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall notify manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and retail dealers of a tobacco product manufacturer that is prohibited from selling cigarettes to consumers within the state under Subsection 59-14-210(2).
    - (h) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may:
  - (i) provide to the Division of Consumer Protection within the Department of Commerce and the attorney general data:
    - (A) reported to the commission under Section 59-14-212; or
    - (B) related to a violation under Section 59-14-211; and
  - (ii) upon request, provide to any person data reported to the commission under Subsections 59-14-212(1)(a) through (c) and Subsection 59-14-212(1)(g).
  - (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall, at the request of a committee of the Legislature, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, or the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, provide to the committee or office the total amount of revenues collected by the commission under Chapter 24, Radioactive Waste Facility Tax Act, for the time period specified by the committee or office.
  - (j) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall make the directory required by Section 59-14-603 available for public inspection.
  - (k) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may share information with federal, state, or local agencies as provided in Subsection 59-14-606(3).
  - (l) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall provide the Office of Recovery Services within the Department of Human Services any relevant information obtained from a return filed under Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, regarding a taxpayer who has become obligated to the Office of Recovery Services.
  - (ii) The information described in Subsection (3)(1)(i) may be provided by the Office of Recovery Services to any other state's child support collection agency involved in enforcing

that support obligation.

- (m) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), upon request from the state court administrator, the commission shall provide to the state court administrator, the name, address, telephone number, county of residence, and social security number on resident returns filed under Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act.
- (ii) The state court administrator may use the information described in Subsection (3)(m)(i) only as a source list for the master jury list described in Section 78B-1-106.
  - (n) (i) As used in this Subsection (3)(n):
- (A) "GOED" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development created in Section 63N-1-201.
- (B) "Income tax information" means information gained by the commission that is required to be attached to or included in a return filed with the commission under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act.
- (C) "Other tax information" means information gained by the commission that is required to be attached to or included in a return filed with the commission except for a return filed under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act.
  - (D) "Tax information" means income tax information or other tax information.
- (ii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and except as provided in Subsection (3)(n)(ii)(B) or (C), the commission shall at the request of GOED provide to GOED all income tax information.
- (B) For purposes of a request for income tax information made under Subsection (3)(n)(ii)(A), GOED may not request and the commission may not provide to GOED a person's address, name, social security number, or taxpayer identification number.
- (C) In providing income tax information to GOED, the commission shall in all instances protect the privacy of a person as required by Subsection (3)(n)(ii)(B).
- (iii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and except as provided in Subsection (3)(n)(iii)(B), the commission shall at the request of GOED provide to GOED other tax information.
- (B) Before providing other tax information to GOED, the commission shall redact or remove any name, address, social security number, or taxpayer identification number.

| 832 | (iv) GOED may provide tax information received from the commission in accordance                   |
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| 833 | with this Subsection (3)(n) only:  |
| 834 | (A) as a fiscal estimate, fiscal note information, or statistical information; and                 |
| 835 | (B) if the tax information is classified to prevent the identification of a particular             |
| 836 | return.  |
| 837 | (v) (A) A person may not request tax information from GOED under Title 63G,                        |
| 838 | Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, or this section, if GOED                  |
| 839 | received the tax information from the commission in accordance with this Subsection (3)(n).        |
| 840 | (B) GOED may not provide to a person that requests tax information in accordance                   |
| 841 | with Subsection (3)(n)(v)(A) any tax information other than the tax information GOED               |
| 842 | provides in accordance with Subsection (3)(n)(iv).   |
| 843 | (o) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may provide to the governing                    |
| 844 | board of the agreement or a taxing official of another state, the District of Columbia, the United |
| 845 | States, or a territory of the United States:   |
| 846 | (i) the following relating to an agreement sales and use tax:                                      |
| 847 | (A) information contained in a return filed with the commission;                                   |
| 848 | (B) information contained in a report filed with the commission;                                   |
| 849 | (C) a schedule related to Subsection (3)(o)(i)(A) or (B); or                                       |
| 850 | (D) a document filed with the commission; or   |
| 851 | (ii) a report of an audit or investigation made with respect to an agreement sales and             |
| 852 | use tax.   |
| 853 | (p) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may provide information                         |
| 854 | concerning a taxpayer's state income tax return or state income tax withholding information to     |
| 855 | the Driver License Division if the Driver License Division:  |
| 856 | (i) requests the information; and  |
| 857 | (ii) provides the commission with a signed release form from the taxpayer allowing the             |
| 858 | Driver License Division access to the information.   |
| 859 | (q) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall provide to the Utah                       |
| 860 | Communications Authority, or a division of the Utah Communications Authority, the                  |
| 861 | information requested by the authority under Sections 63H-7a-302, 63H-7a-402, and                  |
| 862 | 63H-7a-502.  |

| (r) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall provide to the Utah             |
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| Educational Savings Plan information related to a resident or nonresident individual's   |
| contribution to a Utah Educational Savings Plan account as designated on the resident or |
| nonresident's individual income tax return as provided under Section 59-10-1313.         |

- (s) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), for the purpose of verifying eligibility under Sections 26-18-2.5 and 26-40-105, the commission shall provide an eligibility worker with the Department of Health or its designee with the adjusted gross income of an individual if:
- (i) an eligibility worker with the Department of Health or its designee requests the information from the commission; and
- (ii) the eligibility worker has complied with the identity verification and consent provisions of Sections 26-18-2.5 and 26-40-105.
- (t) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may provide to a county, as determined by the commission, information declared on an individual income tax return in accordance with Section 59-10-103.1 that relates to eligibility to claim a residential exemption authorized under Section 59-2-103.
- (u) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall provide a report regarding any access line provider that is over 90 days delinquent in payment to the commission of amounts the access line provider owes under Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency]

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  Communications Authority created in Section 63H-7a-201.
- (v) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission shall provide the Department of Environmental Quality a report on the amount of tax paid by a radioactive waste facility for the previous calendar year under Section 59-24-103.5.
- (w) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may, upon request, provide to the Department of Workforce Services any information received under Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax, that is relevant to the duties of the Department of Workforce Services.
- (x) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the commission may provide the Public Service Commission or the Division of Public Utilities information related to a seller that collects and remits to the commission a charge described in Subsection 69-2-405(2), including the seller's identity and the number of charges described in Subsection 69-2-405(2) that the seller collects.
  - (4) (a) Each report and return shall be preserved for at least three years.

| 894 | (b) After the three-year period provided in Subsection (4)(a) the commission may             |
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| 895 | destroy a report or return.  |
| 896 | (5) (a) Any individual who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.         |
| 897 | (b) If the individual described in Subsection (5)(a) is an officer or employee of the        |
| 898 | state, the individual shall be dismissed from office and be disqualified from holding public |
| 899 | office in this state for a period of five years thereafter.                                  |
| 900 | (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a) or (b), GOED, when requesting information in           |
| 901 | accordance with Subsection (3)(n)(iii), or an individual who requests information in         |
| 902 | accordance with Subsection (3)(n)(v):  |
| 903 | (i) is not guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and  |
| 904 | (ii) is not subject to:  |
| 905 | (A) dismissal from office in accordance with Subsection (5)(b); or                           |
| 906 | (B) disqualification from holding public office in accordance with Subsection (5)(b).        |
| 907 | (6) Except as provided in Section 59-1-404, this part does not apply to the property tax.    |
| 908 | Section 6. Section <b>59-1-1402</b> is amended to read:                                      |
| 909 | 59-1-1402. Definitions.  |
| 910 | As used in this part:  |
| 911 | (1) "Administrative cost" means a fee imposed to cover:                                      |
| 912 | (a) the cost of filing;  |
| 913 | (b) the cost of administering a garnishment;   |
| 914 | (c) the amount the commission pays to a depository institution in accordance with Part       |
| 915 | 17, Depository Institution Data Match System and Levy Act; or                                |
| 916 | (d) a cost similar to Subsections (1)(a) through (c) as determined by the commission by      |
| 917 | rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.       |
| 918 | (2) "Books and records" means the following made available in printed or electronic          |
| 919 | format:  |
| 920 | (a) an account;  |
| 921 | (b) a book;  |
| 922 | (c) an invoice;  |
| 923 | (d) a memorandum;  |
| 924 | (e) a paper;   |

| 925 | (f) a record; or  |
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| 926 | (g) an item similar to Subsections (2)(a) through (f) as determined by the commission       |
| 927 | by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.   |
| 928 | (3) "Deficiency" means:   |
| 929 | (a) the amount by which a tax, fee, or charge exceeds the difference between:               |
| 930 | (i) the sum of:   |
| 931 | (A) the amount shown as the tax, fee, or charge by a person on the person's return; and     |
| 932 | (B) any amount previously assessed, or collected without assessment, as a deficiency;       |
| 933 | and   |
| 934 | (ii) any amount previously abated, credited, refunded, or otherwise repaid with respect     |
| 935 | to that tax, fee, or charge; or   |
| 936 | (b) if a person does not show an amount as a tax, fee, or charge on the person's return,    |
| 937 | or if a person does not make a return, the amount by which the tax, fee, or charge exceeds: |
| 938 | (i) the amount previously assessed, or collected without assessment, as a deficiency;       |
| 939 | and   |
| 940 | (ii) any amount previously abated, credited, refunded, or otherwise repaid with respect     |
| 941 | to that tax, fee, or charge.  |
| 942 | (4) "Garnishment" means any legal or equitable procedure through which one or more          |
| 943 | of the following are required to be withheld for payment of an amount a person owes:        |
| 944 | (a) an asset of the person held by another person; or                                       |
| 945 | (b) the earnings of the person.   |
| 946 | (5) "Liability" means the following that a person is required to remit to the               |
| 947 | commission:   |
| 948 | (a) a tax, fee, or charge;  |
| 949 | (b) an addition to a tax, fee, or charge;   |
| 950 | (c) an administrative cost;   |
| 951 | (d) interest that accrues in accordance with Section 59-1-402; or                           |
| 952 | (e) a penalty that accrues in accordance with Section 59-1-401.                             |
| 953 | (6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), "mathematical error" is as defined in Section         |
| 954 | 6213(g)(2), Internal Revenue Code.  |
| 955 | (b) The reference to Section 6213(g)(2), Internal Revenue Code, in Subsection (6)(a)        |

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               (i) the reference to Section 6213(g)(2), Internal Revenue Code, in effect for the taxable
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              (ii) a corresponding or comparable provision of the Internal Revenue Code as
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       amended, redesignated, or reenacted.
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              (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), "tax, fee, or charge" means:
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              (i) a tax, fee, or charge the commission administers under:
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              (A) this title:
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              (B) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;
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              (C) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act;
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              (D) Section 19-6-410.5;
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              (E) Section 19-6-714;
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              (F) Section 19-6-805:
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              (G) Section 34A-2-202;
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              (H) Section 40-6-14; or
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       Service Charges; or
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              (ii) another amount that by statute is administered by the commission.
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              (b) "Tax, fee, or charge" does not include a tax, fee, or charge imposed under:
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              (i) Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, except for Section 41-1a-301;
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              (ii) Title 41, Chapter 3, Motor Vehicle Business Regulation Act;
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              (iii) Chapter 2, Property Tax Act;
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              (iv) Chapter 3, Tax Equivalent Property Act;
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              (v) Chapter 4, Privilege Tax; or
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              (vi) Chapter 13, Part 5, Interstate Agreements.
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              (8) "Transferee" means:
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              (a) a devisee;
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              (b) a distributee;
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              (e) a legatee; or
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| 987  | (f) a person similar to Subsections (8)(a) through (e) as determined by the commission             |
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| 988  | by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.          |
| 989  | Section 7. Section <b>59-12-107</b> is amended to read:  |
| 990  | 59-12-107. Definitions Collection, remittance, and payment of tax by sellers or                    |
| 991  | other persons Returns Reports Direct payment by purchaser of vehicle Other                         |
| 992  | liability for collection Rulemaking authority Credits Treatment of bad debt                        |
| 993  | Penalties and interest.  |
| 994  | (1) As used in this section:   |
| 995  | (a) "Ownership" means direct ownership or indirect ownership through a parent,                     |
| 996  | subsidiary, or affiliate.  |
| 997  | (b) "Related seller" means a seller that:  |
| 998  | (i) meets one or more of the criteria described in Subsection (2)(a)(i); and                       |
| 999  | (ii) delivers tangible personal property, a service, or a product transferred electronically       |
| 1000 | that is sold:  |
| 1001 | (A) by a seller that does not meet one or more of the criteria described in Subsection             |
| 1002 | (2)(a)(i); and   |
| 1003 | (B) to a purchaser in the state.   |
| 1004 | (c) "Substantial ownership interest" means an ownership interest in a business entity if           |
| 1005 | that ownership interest is greater than the degree of ownership of equity interest specified in 15 |
| 1006 | U.S.C. Sec. 78p, with respect to a person other than a director or an officer.                     |
| 1007 | (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(f), Section 59-12-107.1, or Section                   |
| 1008 | 59-12-123, and subject to Subsection (2)(g), each seller shall pay or collect and remit the sales  |
| 1009 | and use taxes imposed by this chapter if within this state the seller:                             |
| 1010 | (i) has or utilizes:   |
| 1011 | (A) an office;   |
| 1012 | (B) a distribution house;  |
| 1013 | (C) a sales house;   |
| 1014 | (D) a warehouse;   |
| 1015 | (E) a service enterprise; or   |
| 1016 | (F) a place of business similar to Subsections (2)(a)(i)(A) through (E);                           |
| 1017 | (ii) maintains a stock of goods;   |

| 1018 | (111) regularly solicits orders, regardless of whether or not the orders are accepted in the          |
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| 1019 | state, unless the seller's only activity in the state is:   |
| 1020 | (A) advertising; or   |
| 1021 | (B) solicitation by:  |
| 1022 | (I) direct mail;  |
| 1023 | (II) electronic mail;   |
| 1024 | (III) the Internet;   |
| 1025 | (IV) telecommunications service; or   |
| 1026 | (V) a means similar to Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(A) or (B);  |
| 1027 | (iv) regularly engages in the delivery of property in the state other than by:                        |
| 1028 | (A) common carrier; or  |
| 1029 | (B) United States mail; or  |
| 1030 | (v) regularly engages in an activity directly related to the leasing or servicing of                  |
| 1031 | property located within the state.  |
| 1032 | (b) A seller is considered to be engaged in the business of selling tangible personal                 |
| 1033 | property, a product transferred electronically, or a service for use in the state, and shall pay or   |
| 1034 | collect and remit the sales and use taxes imposed by this chapter if:                                 |
| 1035 | (i) the seller holds a substantial ownership interest in, or is owned in whole or in                  |
| 1036 | substantial part by, a related seller; and  |
| 1037 | (ii) (A) the seller sells the same or a substantially similar line of products as the related         |
| 1038 | seller and does so under the same or a substantially similar business name; or                        |
| 1039 | (B) the place of business described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) of the related seller or an in            |
| 1040 | state employee of the related seller is used to advertise, promote, or facilitate sales by the seller |
| 1041 | to a purchaser.   |
| 1042 | (c) Subject to Section 59-12-107.6, each seller that does not meet one or more of the                 |
| 1043 | criteria provided for in Subsection (2)(a) or is not a seller required to pay or collect and remit    |
| 1044 | the sales and use taxes imposed by this chapter under Subsection (2)(b) shall pay or collect and      |
| 1045 | remit the sales and use tax imposed by this chapter if the seller:                                    |
| 1046 | (i) sells tangible personal property, products transferred electronically, or services for            |
| 1047 | storage, use, or consumption in the state; and  |
| 1048 | (ii) in either the previous calendar year or the current calendar year:                               |

| 1049 | (A) receives gross revenue from the sale of tangible personal property, products                    |
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| 1050 | transferred electronically, or services for storage, use, or consumption in the state of more than  |
| 1051 | \$100,000; or   |
| 1052 | (B) sells tangible personal property, products transferred electronically, or services for          |
| 1053 | storage, use, or consumption in the state in 200 or more separate transactions.                     |
| 1054 | (d) A seller that does not meet one or more of the criteria provided for in Subsection              |
| 1055 | (2)(a) or is not a seller required to pay or collect and remit sales and use taxes under Subsection |
| 1056 | (2)(b), Subsection (2)(c), or Section 59-12-107.6 may voluntarily:                                  |
| 1057 | (i) collect a tax on a transaction described in Subsection 59-12-103(1); and                        |
| 1058 | (ii) remit the tax to the commission as provided in this part.                                      |
| 1059 | (e) The collection and remittance of a tax under this chapter by a seller that is                   |
| 1060 | registered under the agreement may not be used as a factor in determining whether that seller is    |
| 1061 | required by this Subsection (2) to:   |
| 1062 | (i) pay a tax, fee, or charge under:  |
| 1063 | (A) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;                            |
| 1064 | (B) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act;                      |
| 1065 | (C) Section 19-6-714;   |
| 1066 | (D) Section 19-6-805;   |
| 1067 | (E) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless                                   |
| 1068 | <u>Telecommunications</u> Service Charges; or   |
| 1069 | (F) this title; or  |
| 1070 | (ii) collect and remit a tax, fee, or charge under:   |
| 1071 | (A) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;                            |
| 1072 | (B) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act;                      |
| 1073 | (C) Section 19-6-714;   |
| 1074 | (D) Section 19-6-805;   |
| 1075 | (E) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless                                   |
| 1076 | <u>Telecommunications</u> Service Charges; or   |
| 1077 | (F) this title.   |
| 1078 | (f) A person shall pay a use tax imposed by this chapter on a transaction described in              |
| 1079 | Subsection 59-12-103(1) if:   |

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1080 (i) the seller did not collect a tax imposed by this chapter on the transaction; and 1081 (ii) the person: 1082 (A) stores the tangible personal property or product transferred electronically in the 1083 state; 1084 (B) uses the tangible personal property or product transferred electronically in the state: 1085 or 1086 (C) consumes the tangible personal property or product transferred electronically in the 1087 state. 1088 (g) The ownership of property that is located at the premises of a printer's facility with 1089 which the retailer has contracted for printing and that consists of the final printed product, 1090 property that becomes a part of the final printed product, or copy from which the printed 1091 product is produced, shall not result in the retailer being considered to have or maintain an 1092 office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse, service enterprise, or other place of business, or to maintain a stock of goods, within this state. 1093 1094 (3) (a) Except as provided in Section 59-12-107.1, a seller shall collect a tax under this 1095 chapter from a purchaser. 1096 (b) A seller may not collect as tax an amount, without regard to fractional parts of one 1097 cent, in excess of the tax computed at the rates prescribed by this chapter. 1098 (c) (i) Each seller shall: 1099 (A) give the purchaser a receipt for the tax collected; or 1100 (B) bill the tax as a separate item and declare the name of this state and the seller's 1101 sales and use tax license number on the invoice for the sale. 1102 (ii) The receipt or invoice is prima facie evidence that the seller has collected the tax 1103 and relieves the purchaser of the liability for reporting the tax to the commission as a 1104 consumer. 1105 (d) A seller is not required to maintain a separate account for the tax collected, but is 1106 considered to be a person charged with receipt, safekeeping, and transfer of public money.

(e) Taxes collected by a seller pursuant to this chapter shall be held in trust for the

(f) If any seller, during any reporting period, collects as a tax an amount in excess of

benefit of the state and for payment to the commission in the manner and at the time provided

the lawful state and local percentage of total taxable sales allowed under this chapter, the seller shall remit to the commission the full amount of the tax imposed under this chapter, plus any excess.

- (g) If the accounting methods regularly employed by the seller in the transaction of the seller's business are such that reports of sales made during a calendar month or quarterly period will impose unnecessary hardships, the commission may accept reports at intervals that, in the commission's opinion, will better suit the convenience of the taxpayer or seller and will not jeopardize collection of the tax.
- (h) (i) For a purchase paid with specie legal tender as defined in Section 59-1-1501.1, and until such time as the commission accepts specie legal tender for the payment of a tax under this chapter, if the commission requires a seller to remit a tax under this chapter in legal tender other than specie legal tender, the seller shall state on the seller's books and records and on an invoice, bill of sale, or similar document provided to the purchaser:
- (A) the purchase price in specie legal tender and in the legal tender the seller is required to remit to the commission;
- (B) subject to Subsection (3)(h)(ii), the amount of tax due under this chapter in specie legal tender and in the legal tender the seller is required to remit to the commission;
  - (C) the tax rate under this chapter applicable to the purchase; and
  - (D) the date of the purchase.
- (ii) (A) Subject to Subsection (3)(h)(ii)(B), for purposes of determining the amount of tax due under Subsection (3)(h)(i), a seller shall use the most recent London fixing price for the specie legal tender the purchaser paid.
- (B) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules for determining the amount of tax due under Subsection (3)(h)(i) if the London fixing price is not available for a particular day.
- (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (5) through (7) and Section 59-12-108, the sales or use tax imposed by this chapter is due and payable to the commission quarterly on or before the last day of the month next succeeding each quarterly calendar period.
- (b) (i) Each seller shall, on or before the last day of the month next succeeding each quarterly calendar period, file with the commission a return for the preceding quarterly period.
  - (ii) The seller shall remit with the return under Subsection (4)(b)(i) the amount of the

tax required under this chapter to be collected or paid for the period covered by the return.

- (c) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), a return shall contain information and be in a form the commission prescribes by rule.
- (d) (i) Subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the sales tax as computed in the return shall be based on the total nonexempt sales made during the period for which the return is filed, including both cash and charge sales.
- (ii) For a sale that includes the delivery or installation of tangible personal property at a location other than a seller's place of business described in Subsection (2)(a)(i), if the delivery or installation is separately stated on an invoice or receipt, a seller may compute the tax due on the sale for purposes of Subsection (4)(d)(i) based on the amount the seller receives for that sale during each period for which the seller receives payment for the sale.
- (e) (i) The use tax as computed in the return shall be based on the total amount of purchases for storage, use, or other consumption in this state made during the period for which the return is filed, including both cash and charge purchases.
- (ii) (A) As used in this Subsection (4)(e)(ii), "qualifying purchaser" means a purchaser that is required to remit taxes under this chapter, but is not required to remit taxes monthly in accordance with Section 59-12-108, and that converts tangible personal property into real property.
- (B) Subject to Subsections (4)(e)(ii)(C) and (D), a qualifying purchaser may remit the taxes due under this chapter on tangible personal property for which the qualifying purchaser claims an exemption as allowed under Subsection 59-12-104(23) or (25) based on the period in which the qualifying purchaser receives payment, in accordance with Subsection (4)(e)(ii)(C), for the conversion of the tangible personal property into real property.
- (C) A qualifying purchaser remitting taxes due under this chapter in accordance with Subsection (4)(e)(ii)(B) shall remit an amount equal to the total amount of tax due on the qualifying purchaser's purchase of the tangible personal property that was converted into real property multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the payment received in the period for the qualifying purchaser's sale of the tangible personal property that was converted into real property and the denominator of which is the entire sales price for the qualifying purchaser's sale of the tangible personal property that was converted into real property.
  - (D) A qualifying purchaser may remit taxes due under this chapter in accordance with

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- this Subsection (4)(e)(ii) only if the books and records that the qualifying purchaser keeps in the qualifying purchaser's regular course of business identify by reasonable and verifiable standards that the tangible personal property was converted into real property.
  - (f) (i) Subject to Subsection (4)(f)(ii) and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may by rule extend the time for making returns and paying the taxes.
    - (ii) An extension under Subsection (4)(f)(i) may not be for more than 90 days.
  - (g) The commission may require returns and payment of the tax to be made for other than quarterly periods if the commission considers it necessary in order to ensure the payment of the tax imposed by this chapter.
  - (h) (i) The commission may require a seller that files a simplified electronic return with the commission to file an additional electronic report with the commission.
  - (ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules providing:
  - (A) the information required to be included in the additional electronic report described in Subsection (4)(h)(i); and
  - (B) one or more due dates for filing the additional electronic report described in Subsection (4)(h)(i).
- 1191 (5) (a) As used in this Subsection (5) and Subsection (6)(b), "remote seller" means a seller that is:
- (i) registered under the agreement;
- (ii) described in Subsection (2)(d); and
- 1195 (iii) not a:
- 1196 (A) model 1 seller;
- 1197 (B) model 2 seller; or
- 1198 (C) model 3 seller.
- (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(ii), a tax a remote seller collects in accordance with Subsection (2)(d) is due and payable:
- 1201 (A) to the commission;
- 1202 (B) annually; and
- (C) on or before the last day of the month immediately following the last day of each

| 1204 | calendar year.   |
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| 1205 | (ii) The commission may require that a tax a remote seller collects in accordance with     |
| 1206 | Subsection (2)(d) be due and payable:  |
| 1207 | (A) to the commission; and   |
| 1208 | (B) on the last day of the month immediately following any month in which the seller       |
| 1209 | accumulates a total of at least \$1,000 in agreement sales and use tax.                    |
| 1210 | (c) (i) If a remote seller remits a tax to the commission in accordance with Subsection    |
| 1211 | (5)(b), the remote seller shall file a return:   |
| 1212 | (A) with the commission;   |
| 1213 | (B) with respect to the tax;   |
| 1214 | (C) containing information prescribed by the commission; and                               |
| 1215 | (D) on a form prescribed by the commission.  |
| 1216 | (ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the      |
| 1217 | commission shall make rules prescribing:   |
| 1218 | (A) the information required to be contained in a return described in Subsection           |
| 1219 | (5)(c)(i); and   |
| 1220 | (B) the form described in Subsection (5)(c)(i)(D).   |
| 1221 | (d) A tax a remote seller collects in accordance with this Subsection (5) shall be         |
| 1222 | calculated on the basis of the total amount of taxable transactions under Subsection       |
| 1223 | 59-12-103(1) the remote seller completes, including:                                       |
| 1224 | (i) a cash transaction; and  |
| 1225 | (ii) a charge transaction.   |
| 1226 | (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a tax a seller that files a simplified    |
| 1227 | electronic return collects in accordance with this chapter is due and payable:             |
| 1228 | (i) monthly on or before the last day of the month immediately following the month for     |
| 1229 | which the seller collects a tax under this chapter; and                                    |
| 1230 | (ii) for the month for which the seller collects a tax under this chapter.                 |
| 1231 | (b) A tax a remote seller that files a simplified electronic return collects in accordance |
| 1232 | with this chapter is due and payable as provided in Subsection (5).                        |
| 1233 | (7) (a) On each vehicle sale made by other than a regular licensed vehicle dealer, the     |

purchaser shall pay the sales or use tax directly to the commission if the vehicle is subject to

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- 1235 titling or registration under the laws of this state. 1236 (b) The commission shall collect the tax described in Subsection (7)(a) when the 1237 vehicle is titled or registered. 1238 (8) If any sale of tangible personal property or any other taxable transaction under 1239 Subsection 59-12-103(1), is made by a wholesaler to a retailer: 1240 (a) the wholesaler is not responsible for the collection or payment of the tax imposed 1241 on the sale; and 1242 (b) the retailer is responsible for the collection or payment of the tax imposed on the 1243 sale if: 1244 (i) the retailer represents that the tangible personal property, product transferred
  - (i) the retailer represents that the tangible personal property, product transferred electronically, or service is purchased by the retailer for resale; and
  - (ii) the tangible personal property, product transferred electronically, or service is not subsequently resold.
  - (9) If any sale of property or service subject to the tax is made to a person prepaying sales or use tax in accordance with Title 63M, Chapter 5, Resource Development Act, or to a contractor or subcontractor of that person:
  - (a) the person to whom such payment or consideration is payable is not responsible for the collection or payment of the sales or use tax; and
  - (b) the person prepaying the sales or use tax is responsible for the collection or payment of the sales or use tax if the person prepaying the sales or use tax represents that the amount prepaid as sales or use tax has not been fully credited against sales or use tax due and payable under the rules promulgated by the commission.
    - (10) (a) For purposes of this Subsection (10):
  - (i) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(a)(ii), "bad debt" means the same as that term is defined in Section 166, Internal Revenue Code.
    - (ii) "Bad debt" does not include:
- 1261 (A) an amount included in the purchase price of tangible personal property, a product 1262 transferred electronically, or a service that is:
  - (I) not a transaction described in Subsection 59-12-103(1); or
- 1264 (II) exempt under Section 59-12-104;
- 1265 (B) a financing charge;

period during which the bad debt:

| 1266 | (C) interest;   |
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| 1267 | (D) a tax imposed under this chapter on the purchase price of tangible personal                   |
| 1268 | property, a product transferred electronically, or a service;                                     |
| 1269 | (E) an uncollectible amount on tangible personal property or a product transferred                |
| 1270 | electronically that:  |
| 1271 | (I) is subject to a tax under this chapter; and   |
| 1272 | (II) remains in the possession of a seller until the full purchase price is paid;                 |
| 1273 | (F) an expense incurred in attempting to collect any debt; or                                     |
| 1274 | (G) an amount that a seller does not collect on repossessed property.                             |
| 1275 | (b) (i) To the extent an amount remitted in accordance with Subsection (4)(d) later               |
| 1276 | becomes bad debt, a seller may deduct the bad debt from the total amount from which a tax         |
| 1277 | under this chapter is calculated on a return.   |
| 1278 | (ii) A qualifying purchaser, as defined in Subsection (4)(e)(ii)(A), may deduct from the          |
| 1279 | total amount of taxes due under this chapter the amount of tax the qualifying purchaser paid on   |
| 1280 | the qualifying purchaser's purchase of tangible personal property converted into real property to |
| 1281 | the extent that:  |
| 1282 | (A) tax was remitted in accordance with Subsection (4)(e) on that tangible personal               |
| 1283 | property converted into real property;  |
| 1284 | (B) the qualifying purchaser's sale of that tangible personal property converted into real        |
| 1285 | property later becomes bad debt; and  |
| 1286 | (C) the books and records that the qualifying purchaser keeps in the qualifying                   |
| 1287 | purchaser's regular course of business identify by reasonable and verifiable standards that the   |
| 1288 | tangible personal property was converted into real property.                                      |
| 1289 | (c) A seller may file a refund claim with the commission if:                                      |
| 1290 | (i) the amount of bad debt for the time period described in Subsection (10)(e) exceeds            |
| 1291 | the amount of the seller's sales that are subject to a tax under this chapter for that same time  |
| 1292 | period; and   |
| 1293 | (ii) as provided in Section 59-1-1410.  |
| 1294 | (d) A bad debt deduction under this section may not include interest.                             |

(e) A bad debt may be deducted under this Subsection (10) on a return for the time

| 1297 | (i) is written off as uncollectible in the seller's books and records; and                     |
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| 1298 | (ii) would be eligible for a bad debt deduction:   |
| 1299 | (A) for federal income tax purposes; and   |
| 1300 | (B) if the seller were required to file a federal income tax return.                           |
| 1301 | (f) If a seller recovers any portion of bad debt for which the seller makes a deduction or     |
| 1302 | claims a refund under this Subsection (10), the seller shall report and remit a tax under this |
| 1303 | chapter:   |
| 1304 | (i) on the portion of the bad debt the seller recovers; and                                    |
| 1305 | (ii) on a return filed for the time period for which the portion of the bad debt is            |
| 1306 | recovered.   |
| 1307 | (g) For purposes of reporting a recovery of a portion of bad debt under Subsection             |
| 1308 | (10)(f), a seller shall apply amounts received on the bad debt in the following order:         |
| 1309 | (i) in a proportional amount:  |
| 1310 | (A) to the purchase price of the tangible personal property, product transferred               |
| 1311 | electronically, or service; and  |
| 1312 | (B) to the tax due under this chapter on the tangible personal property, product               |
| 1313 | transferred electronically, or service; and  |
| 1314 | (ii) to:   |
| 1315 | (A) interest charges;  |
| 1316 | (B) service charges; and   |
| 1317 | (C) other charges.   |
| 1318 | (h) A seller's certified service provider may make a deduction or claim a refund for bad       |
| 1319 | debt on behalf of the seller:  |
| 1320 | (i) in accordance with this Subsection (10); and   |
| 1321 | (ii) if the certified service provider credits or refunds the entire amount of the bad debt    |
| 1322 | deduction or refund to the seller.   |
| 1323 | (i) A seller may allocate bad debt among the states that are members of the agreement          |
| 1324 | if the seller's books and records support that allocation.                                     |
| 1325 | (11) (a) A seller may not, with intent to evade any tax, fail to timely remit the full         |
| 1326 | amount of tax required by this chapter.  |
| 1327 | (b) A violation of this section is punishable as provided in Section 59-1-401.                 |

| 1328 | (c) Each person that fails to pay any tax to the state or any amount of tax required to be            |
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| 1329 | paid to the state, except amounts determined to be due by the commission under Chapter 1,             |
| 1330 | Part 14, Assessment, Collections, and Refunds Act, or Section 59-12-111, within the time              |
| 1331 | required by this chapter, or that fails to file any return as required by this chapter, shall pay, in |
| 1332 | addition to the tax, penalties and interest as provided in Sections 59-1-401 and 59-1-402.            |
| 1333 | (d) For purposes of prosecution under this section, each quarterly tax period in which a              |
| 1334 | seller, with intent to evade any tax, collects a tax and fails to timely remit the full amount of the |
| 1335 | tax required to be remitted constitutes a separate offense.   |
| 1336 | Section 8. Section <b>59-12-108</b> is amended to read:   |
| 1337 | 59-12-108. Monthly payment Amount of tax a seller may retain Penalty                                  |
| 1338 | Certain amounts allocated to local taxing jurisdictions.  |
| 1339 | (1) (a) Notwithstanding Section 59-12-107, a seller that has a tax liability under this               |
| 1340 | chapter of \$50,000 or more for the previous calendar year shall:                                     |
| 1341 | (i) file a return with the commission:  |
| 1342 | (A) monthly on or before the last day of the month immediately following the month                    |
| 1343 | for which the seller collects a tax under this chapter; and   |
| 1344 | (B) for the month for which the seller collects a tax under this chapter; and                         |
| 1345 | (ii) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), remit with the return required by                       |
| 1346 | Subsection (1)(a)(i) the amount the person is required to remit to the commission for each tax,       |
| 1347 | fee, or charge described in Subsection (1)(c):  |
| 1348 | (A) if that seller's tax liability under this chapter for the previous calendar year is less          |
| 1349 | than \$96,000, by any method permitted by the commission; or  |
| 1350 | (B) if that seller's tax liability under this chapter for the previous calendar year is               |
| 1351 | \$96,000 or more, by electronic funds transfer.   |
| 1352 | (b) A seller shall remit electronically with the return required by Subsection (1)(a)(i)              |
| 1353 | the amount the seller is required to remit to the commission for each tax, fee, or charge             |
| 1354 | described in Subsection (1)(c) if that seller:  |
| 1355 | (i) is required by Section 59-12-107 to file the return electronically; or                            |
| 1356 | (ii) (A) is required to collect and remit a tax under Section 59-12-107; and                          |
| 1357 | (B) files a simplified electronic return.   |
| 1358 | (c) Subsections (1)(a) and (b) apply to the following taxes, fees, or charges:                        |

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equal to the sum of:

| 1359 | (i) a tax under Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;            |
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| 1360 | (ii) a fee under Section 19-6-714;  |
| 1361 | (iii) a fee under Section 19-6-805;   |
| 1362 | (iv) a charge under Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless               |
| 1363 | Telecommunications Service Charges; or  |
| 1364 | (v) a tax under this chapter.   |
| 1365 | (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a)(ii) and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,          |
| 1366 | Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules providing for a method      |
| 1367 | for making same-day payments other than by electronic funds transfer if making payments by      |
| 1368 | electronic funds transfer fails.  |
| 1369 | (e) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the            |
| 1370 | commission shall establish by rule procedures and requirements for determining the amount a     |
| 1371 | seller is required to remit to the commission under this Subsection (1).                        |
| 1372 | (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a seller subject to Subsection (1) or a           |
| 1373 | seller described in Subsection (4) may retain each month the amount allowed by this             |
| 1374 | Subsection (2).   |
| 1375 | (b) A seller subject to Subsection (1) or a seller described in Subsection (4) may retain       |
| 1376 | each month 1.31% of any amounts the seller is required to remit to the commission:              |
| 1377 | (i) for a transaction described in Subsection 59-12-103(1) that is subject to a state tax       |
| 1378 | and a local tax imposed in accordance with the following, for the month for which the seller is |
| 1379 | filing a return in accordance with Subsection (1):  |
| 1380 | (A) Subsection 59-12-103(2)(a);   |
| 1381 | (B) Subsection 59-12-103(2)(b); and   |
| 1382 | (C) Subsection 59-12-103(2)(d); and   |
| 1383 | (ii) for an agreement sales and use tax.  |
| 1384 | (c) (i) A seller subject to Subsection (1) or a seller described in Subsection (4) may          |
| 1385 | retain each month the amount calculated under Subsection (2)(c)(ii) for a transaction described |
| 1386 | in Subsection 59-12-103(1) that is subject to the state tax and the local tax imposed in        |
| 1387 | accordance with Subsection 59-12-103(2)(c).   |
| 1388 | (ii) For purposes of Subsection (2)(c)(i), the amount a seller may retain is an amount          |

| 1390 | (A) 1.31% of any amounts the seller is required to remit to the commission for:            |
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| 1391 | (I) the state tax and the local tax imposed in accordance with Subsection                  |
| 1392 | 59-12-103(2)(c);   |
| 1393 | (II) the month for which the seller is filing a return in accordance with Subsection (1);  |
| 1394 | and  |
| 1395 | (III) an agreement sales and use tax; and  |
| 1396 | (B) 1.31% of the difference between:   |
| 1397 | (I) the amounts the seller would have been required to remit to the commission:            |
| 1398 | (Aa) in accordance with Subsection 59-12-103(2)(a) if the transaction had been subject     |
| 1399 | to the state tax and the local tax imposed in accordance with Subsection 59-12-103(2)(a);  |
| 1400 | (Bb) for the month for which the seller is filing a return in accordance with Subsection   |
| 1401 | (1); and   |
| 1402 | (Cc) for an agreement sales and use tax; and   |
| 1403 | (II) the amounts the seller is required to remit to the commission for:                    |
| 1404 | (Aa) the state tax and the local tax imposed in accordance with Subsection                 |
| 1405 | 59-12-103(2)(c);   |
| 1406 | (Bb) the month for which the seller is filing a return in accordance with Subsection (1);  |
| 1407 | and  |
| 1408 | (Cc) an agreement sales and use tax.   |
| 1409 | (d) A seller subject to Subsection (1) or a seller described in Subsection (4) may retain  |
| 1410 | each month 1% of any amounts the seller is required to remit to the commission:            |
| 1411 | (i) for the month for which the seller is filing a return in accordance with Subsection    |
| 1412 | (1); and   |
| 1413 | (ii) under:  |
| 1414 | (A) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;                   |
| 1415 | (B) Subsection 59-12-603(1)(a)(i)(A); or   |
| 1416 | (C) Subsection 59-12-603(1)(a)(i)(B).  |
| 1417 | (3) A state government entity that is required to remit taxes monthly in accordance        |
| 1418 | with Subsection (1) may not retain any amount under Subsection (2).                        |
| 1419 | (4) A seller that has a tax liability under this chapter for the previous calendar year of |
| 1420 | less than \$50,000 may:  |

1421 (a) voluntarily meet the requirements of Subsection (1); and 1422 (b) if the seller voluntarily meets the requirements of Subsection (1), retain the 1423 amounts allowed by Subsection (2). 1424 (5) Penalties for late payment shall be as provided in Section 59-1-401. 1425 (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(c), for any amounts required to be remitted 1426 to the commission under this part, the commission shall each month calculate an amount equal to the difference between: 1427 1428 (i) the total amount retained for that month by all sellers had the percentages listed 1429 under Subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c)(ii) been 1.5%; and 1430 (ii) the total amount retained for that month by all sellers at the percentages listed 1431 under Subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c)(ii). 1432 (b) The commission shall each month allocate the amount calculated under Subsection 1433 (6)(a) to each county, city, and town on the basis of the proportion of agreement sales and use tax that the commission distributes to each county, city, and town for that month compared to 1434 1435 the total agreement sales and use tax that the commission distributes for that month to all 1436 counties, cities, and towns. 1437 (c) The amount the commission calculates under Subsection (6)(a) may not include an 1438 amount collected from a tax that: 1439 (i) the state imposes within a county, city, or town, including the unincorporated area 1440 of a county; and 1441 (ii) is not imposed within the entire state. Section 9. Section **59-12-128** is amended to read: 1442 1443 59-12-128. Amnesty. 1444 (1) As used in this section, "amnesty" means that a seller is not required to pay the 1445 following amounts that the seller would otherwise be required to pay: 1446 (a) a tax, fee, or charge under: 1447 (i) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act; 1448 (ii) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act; 1449 (iii) Section 19-6-714; 1450 (iv) Section 19-6-805; 1451 (v) Chapter 26, Multi-Channel Video or Audio Service Tax Act;

|   | (vi) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless                         |
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|   | Telecommunications Service Charges; or   |
|   | (vii) this chapter;  |
|   | (b) a penalty on a tax, fee, or charge described in Subsection (1)(a); or                  |
|   | (c) interest on a tax, fee, or charge described in Subsection (1)(a).                      |
|   | (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(b) and (3) and subject to Subsections (4)    |
| į | and (5), the commission shall grant a seller amnesty if the seller:                        |
|   | (i) obtains a license under Section 59-12-106; and   |
|   | (ii) is registered under the agreement.  |
|   | (b) The commission is not required to grant a seller amnesty under this section            |
| 1 | beginning 12 months after the date the state becomes a full member under the agreement.    |
|   | (3) A seller may not receive amnesty under this section for a tax, fee, or charge:         |
|   | (a) the seller collects;   |
|   | (b) the seller remits to the commission;   |
|   | (c) that the seller is required to remit to the commission on the seller's purchase; or    |
|   | (d) arising from a transaction that occurs within a time period that is under audit by the |
|   | commission if:   |
|   | (i) the seller receives notice of the commencement of the audit prior to obtaining a       |
|   | license under Section 59-12-106; and   |
|   | (ii) (A) the audit described in Subsection (3)(d)(i) is not complete; or                   |
|   | (B) the seller has not exhausted all administrative and judicial remedies in connection    |
|   | with the audit described in Subsection (3)(d)(i).  |
|   | (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), amnesty the commission grants to a        |
|   | seller under this section:   |
|   | (i) applies to the time period during which the seller is not licensed under Section       |
|   | 59-12-106; and   |
|   | (ii) remains in effect if, for a period of three years, the seller:                        |
|   | (A) remains registered under the agreement;  |
|   | (B) collects a tax, fee, or charge on a transaction subject to a tax, fee, or charge       |
|   | described in Subsection (1)(a); and  |
|   | (C) remits to the commission the taxes, fees, and charges the seller collects in           |

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administration of the authority; and

| 1483 | accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B).   |
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| 1484 | (b) The commission may not grant a seller amnesty under this section if, with respect             |
| 1485 | to a tax, fee, or charge for which the seller would otherwise be granted amnesty under this       |
| 1486 | section, the seller commits:  |
| 1487 | (i) fraud; or   |
| 1488 | (ii) an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact.   |
| 1489 | (5) (a) If a seller does not meet a requirement of Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the commission          |
| 1490 | shall require the seller to pay the amounts described in Subsection (1) that the seller would     |
| 1491 | have otherwise been required to pay.  |
| 1492 | (b) Notwithstanding Section 59-1-1410, for purposes of requiring a seller to pay an               |
| 1493 | amount in accordance with Subsection (5)(a), the time period for the commission to make an        |
| 1494 | assessment under Section 59-1-1410 is extended for a time period beginning on the date the        |
| 1495 | seller does not meet a requirement of Subsection (4)(a)(ii) and ends three years after that date. |
| 1496 | Section 10. Section <b>63H-7a-205</b> is amended to read:   |
| 1497 | 63H-7a-205. Executive director Appointment Powers and duties.                                     |
| 1498 | The executive director shall:   |
| 1499 | (1) (a) serve at the pleasure of the board; and   |
| 1500 | (b) act as the executive officer of the authority;  |
| 1501 | (2) administer the duties, programs, and functions assigned to the authority;                     |
| 1502 | (3) recommend administrative rules and policies to the board;                                     |
| 1503 | (4) execute contracts on behalf of the authority;   |
| 1504 | (5) recommend to the board any changes in statutes affecting the authority;                       |
| 1505 | (6) recommend to the board an annual administrative budget covering administration,               |
| 1506 | management, and operations of the authority;  |
| 1507 | (7) with board approval, direct and control authority expenditures;                               |
| 1508 | (8) within the limitations of the budget, employ personnel, consultants, a financial              |
| 1509 | officer, and legal counsel to provide professional services and advice regarding the              |

(9) submit and make available to the public a report before December of each year to the board, the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Legislative Management Committee that includes:

| 1514 | (a) the total aggregate surcharge collected by the state in the last fiscal year under Title   |
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| 1515 | 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, [911 Emergency] Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service             |
| 1516 | Charges;   |
| 1517 | (b) the amount of each disbursement from the restricted accounts described in:                 |
| 1518 | (i) Section 63H-7a-303;  |
| 1519 | (ii) Section 63H-7a-304; and   |
| 1520 | (iii) Section 63H-7a-403;  |
| 1521 | (c) the recipient of each disbursement, the goods and services received, and a                 |
| 1522 | description of the project funded by the disbursement;   |
| 1523 | (d) any conditions placed by the authority on the disbursements from a restricted              |
| 1524 | account;   |
| 1525 | (e) the anticipated expenditures from the restricted accounts described in this chapter        |
| 1526 | for the next fiscal year;  |
| 1527 | (f) the amount of any unexpended funds carried forward;  |
| 1528 | (g) the goals for implementation of the authority strategic plan and the progress report       |
| 1529 | of accomplishments and updates to the plan; and  |
| 1530 | (h) other relevant justification for ongoing support from the restricted accounts created      |
| 1531 | by Sections 63H-7a-303, 63H-7a-304, and 63H-7a-403.  |
| 1532 | Section 11. Section <b>63H-7a-304</b> is amended to read:                                      |
| 1533 | 63H-7a-304. Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account Creation                           |
| 1534 | Administration Permitted uses.   |
| 1535 | (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Unified        |
| 1536 | Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account," consisting of:                                       |
| 1537 | (a) proceeds from the fee imposed in Section 69-2-403;   |
| 1538 | (b) money appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature; and                     |
| 1539 | (c) contributions of money, property, or equipment from federal agencies, political            |
| 1540 | subdivisions of the state, persons, or corporations.   |
| 1541 | (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4) and subject to Subsection (3) and                 |
| 1542 | appropriations by the Legislature, the authority shall disburse funds in the Unified Statewide |
| 1543 | 911 Emergency Service Account for the purpose of enhancing and maintaining the statewide       |
| 1544 | public safety communications network and 911 call processing equipment in order to rapidly     |

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| 1545 | and efficiently deliver 911 services in the state.  |
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| 1546 | (b) In expending funds in the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account, the                |
| 1547 | authority shall give a higher priority to an expenditure that:                                    |
| 1548 | (i) best promotes statewide public safety;  |
| 1549 | (ii) best promotes interoperability;  |
| 1550 | (iii) impacts the largest service territory;  |
| 1551 | (iv) impacts a densely populated area; or   |
| 1552 | (v) impacts an underserved area.  |
| 1553 | (c) The authority shall expend funds in the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service               |
| 1554 | Account in accordance with the authority strategic plan described in Section 63H-7a-206.          |
| 1555 | (d) The authority may not expend funds from the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency                   |
| 1556 | Service Account collected through the 911 emergency service charge imposed in Section             |
| 1557 | 69-2-403 on behalf of a PSAP that chooses not to participate in the:                              |
| 1558 | (i) public safety communications network; and   |
| 1559 | (ii) the 911 emergency service defined in Section 69-2-102.                                       |
| 1560 | (e) The authority may not expend funds from the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency                   |
| 1561 | Service Account collected through the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue distributed     |
| 1562 | in Subsection 69-2-405(9)[(b)(ii)](c) on behalf of a PSAP that chooses not to participate in the: |
| 1563 | (i) public safety communications network; and   |
| 1564 | (ii) 911 emergency service defined in Section 69-2-102.   |
| 1565 | (f) The executive director shall recommend to the board expenditures for the authority            |
| 1566 | to make from the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account in accordance with this          |
| 1567 | Subsection (2).   |
| 1568 | (3) Subject to an appropriation by the Legislature and approval by the board, the                 |
| 1569 | Administrative Services Division may use funds in the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency             |
| 1570 | Service Account to cover the Administrative Services Division's administrative costs related to   |
| 1571 | the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account.  |
| 1572 | (4) (a) The authority shall reimburse from the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency                    |
| 1573 | Service Account to the Automated Geographic Reference Center created in Section 63F-1-506         |

an amount equal to up to 1 cent of each unified statewide 911 emergency service charge

deposited into the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account under Section 69-2-403.

| 1576 | (b) The Automated Geographic Reference Center shall use the funds reimbursed to the          |
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| 1577 | Automated Geographic Reference Center under Subsection (4)(a) to:                            |
| 1578 | (i) enhance and upgrade digital mapping standards; and                                       |
| 1579 | (ii) maintain a statewide geospatial database for unified statewide 911 emergency            |
| 1580 | service.   |
| 1581 | (c) Subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, the authority may expend funds from      |
| 1582 | the United Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account to reimburse a county for the costs, up   |
| 1583 | to \$60,000, of each audit described in Section 69-2-203.                                    |
| 1584 | Section 12. Section <b>63H-7a-403</b> is amended to read:                                    |
| 1585 | 63H-7a-403. Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account Creation                          |
| 1586 | Administration.  |
| 1587 | (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Utah         |
| 1588 | Statewide Radio System Restricted Account," consisting of:                                   |
| 1589 | (a) money appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature; and                   |
| 1590 | (b) contributions of money from federal agencies, political subdivisions of the state,       |
| 1591 | persons, or corporations.  |
| 1592 | (2) (a) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature and subject to this Subsection (2),     |
| 1593 | the authority may expend funds in the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account for the |
| 1594 | purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining, and repairing a statewide radio  |
| 1595 | system public safety communications network as authorized in Section 63H-7a-202, including:  |
| 1596 | (i) public safety communications network and related facilities, real property,              |
| 1597 | improvements, and equipment necessary for the acquisition, construction, and operation of    |
| 1598 | services and facilities;   |
| 1599 | (ii) installation, implementation, and maintenance of the public safety communications       |
| 1600 | network;   |
| 1601 | (iii) maintaining and upgrading VHF and 800 MHz radio networks; and                          |
| 1602 | (iv) an operating budget to include personnel costs not otherwise covered by funds           |
| 1603 | from another account.  |
| 1604 | (b) For each radio network charge that is deposited into the Utah Statewide Radio            |
| 1605 | System Restricted Account under Section 69-2-404, the authority shall spend, subject to an   |
| 1606 | appropriation by the Legislature and this Subsection (2):                                    |

| 1607 | (i) on and after July 1, 2017, 18 cents of each total radio network charge to maintain         |
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| 1608 | the public safety communications network, including:   |
| 1609 | (A) the 800 MHz and VHF radio networks;  |
| 1610 | (B) radio console network connectivity;  |
| 1611 | (C) funding a statewide interoperability coordinator; and                                      |
| 1612 | (D) supplementing costs formerly offset by public safety communications network user           |
| 1613 | fees assessed by the authority before July 1, 2017; and  |
| 1614 | (ii) on and after January 1, 2018, 34 cents of each total radio network charge to acquire,     |
| 1615 | construct, equip, and install property for, and to make improvements to, the 800 MHz radio     |
| 1616 | system, including debt service costs.  |
| 1617 | (c) In expending funds in the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account, the              |
| 1618 | authority shall give a higher priority to an expenditure that:                                 |
| 1619 | (i) best promotes statewide public safety;   |
| 1620 | (ii) best promotes interoperability;   |
| 1621 | (iii) impacts the largest service territory;   |
| 1622 | (iv) impacts a densely populated area; or  |
| 1623 | (v) impacts an underserved area.   |
| 1624 | (d) The authority shall expend funds in the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted             |
| 1625 | Account in accordance with the authority strategic plan described in Section 63H-7a-206.       |
| 1626 | (e) The authority may not expend funds from the Utah Statewide Radio System                    |
| 1627 | Restricted Account collected through the radio network charge imposed in Section 69-2-404 on   |
| 1628 | behalf of a public agency or PSAP if the public agency or PSAP chooses not to participate in   |
| 1629 | the:   |
| 1630 | (i) public safety communications network; and  |
| 1631 | (ii) radio communications service defined in Section 69-2-102.                                 |
| 1632 | (f) The authority may not expend funds from the Utah Statewide Radio System                    |
| 1633 | Restricted Account collected through the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue           |
| 1634 | distributed in Subsection 69-2-405(9)[(b)(iii)](c) on behalf of a public agency or PSAP if the |
| 1635 | public agency or PSAP chooses not to participate in the:                                       |
| 1636 | (i) public safety communications network; and  |
| 1637 | (ii) radio communications service defined in Section 69-2-102.                                 |

| 1638 | (g) The executive director shall recommend to the board expenditures for the authority     |
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| 1639 | to make from the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account in accordance with this    |
| 1640 | Subsection (2).  |
| 1641 | (3) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, the Administrative Services Division     |
| 1642 | may expend funds in the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account for administrative  |
| 1643 | costs that the Administrative Services Division incurs related to the Utah Statewide Radio |
| 1644 | System Restricted Account.   |
| 1645 | Section 13. Section <b>69-2-101</b> is amended to read:                                    |
| 1646 | CHAPTER 2. EMERGENCY SERVICE AND PREPAID WIRELESS  |
| 1647 | TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE   |
| 1648 | 69-2-101. Title.   |
| 1649 | This chapter is known as "[911] Emergency Service and Prepaid Wireless                     |
| 1650 | <u>Telecommunications Service</u> ."   |
| 1651 | Section 14. Section <b>69-2-405</b> is amended to read:                                    |
| 1652 | Part 4. Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service Charges                                |
| 1653 | 69-2-405. Service charges Collection and distribution of revenue.                          |
| 1654 | (1) As used in this section:   |
| 1655 | (a) "Consumer" means a person who purchases prepaid wireless telecommunications            |
| 1656 | service in a transaction.  |
| 1657 | (b) "Prepaid wireless 911 service charge" means the charge that is required to be          |
| 1658 | collected by a seller from a consumer in the amount established under Subsection (2).      |
| 1659 | (c) (i) "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a wireless                     |
| 1660 | telecommunications service that:   |
| 1661 | (A) is paid for in advance;  |
| 1662 | (B) is sold in predetermined units of time or dollars that decline with use in a known     |
| 1663 | amount or provides unlimited use of the service for a fixed amount or time; and            |
| 1664 | (C) allows a caller to access 911 emergency service.                                       |
| 1665 | (ii) "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" does not include a wireless             |
| 1666 | telecommunications service that is billed:   |
| 1667 | (A) to a customer on a recurring basis; and  |
| 1668 | (B) in a manner that includes the charges levied under Sections 69-2-402, 69-2-403,        |

| 1669 | and 69-2-404, for each radio communication access line assigned to the customer.                  |  |  |
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| 1670 | (d) "Seller" means a person that sells prepaid wireless telecommunications service to a           |  |  |
| 1671 | consumer.   |  |  |
| 1672 | (e) "Transaction" means each purchase of prepaid wireless telecommunications service              |  |  |
| 1673 | from a seller.  |  |  |
| 1674 | (f) "Wireless telecommunications service" means commercial mobile radio service as                |  |  |
| 1675 | defined by 47 C.F.R. Sec. 20.3, as amended.   |  |  |
| 1676 | [(2) There is imposed a prepaid wireless 911 service charge of:]                                  |  |  |
| 1677 | [(a) before January 1, 2018, 2.45% of the sales price per transaction;]                           |  |  |
| 1678 | [(b) on January 1, 2018, and until June 30, 2019, 3.30% of the sales price per                    |  |  |
| 1679 | transaction; and]   |  |  |
| 1680 | (2) There is imposed:   |  |  |
| 1681 | [(c)] (a) [beginning July 1, 2019,] a prepaid wireless 911 service charge of 3.7% of the          |  |  |
| 1682 | sales price per transaction[-]; and   |  |  |
| 1683 | (b) a prepaid wireless telecommunications service charge of 1.2% of the sales price per           |  |  |
| 1684 | transaction.  |  |  |
| 1685 | (3) (a) [The prepaid wireless 911 service charge] Each charge described in Subsection             |  |  |
| 1686 | (2) shall be collected by the seller from the consumer for each transaction occurring in this     |  |  |
| 1687 | state.  |  |  |
| 1688 | (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b)(ii) and (iii), if a user of a service            |  |  |
| 1689 | subject to a charge described in Subsection (2) is not the consumer, the seller shall collect the |  |  |
| 1690 | charge from the consumer for the service.   |  |  |
| 1691 | (ii) [The] $\underline{A}$ charge described in Subsection (2) is not imposed on a seller or a     |  |  |
| 1692 | consumer of federal wireless lifeline service if the consumer does not pay the seller for the     |  |  |
| 1693 | service.  |  |  |
| 1694 | (iii) A consumer of federal wireless lifeline service shall pay, and the seller of the            |  |  |
| 1695 | service shall collect and remit, [the] each charge described in Subsection (2) when the           |  |  |
| 1696 | consumer purchases from the seller optional services in addition to the federally funded lifeline |  |  |
| 1697 | benefit.  |  |  |

(4) [The prepaid wireless 911 service charge] Each charge described in Subsection (2)

shall be separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or similar document that is provided by the

| 1700 | seller | to the | consumer |
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- (5) For purposes of Subsection (3), the location of a transaction is determined in accordance with Sections 59-12-211 through 59-12-215.
- (6) When prepaid wireless telecommunications service is sold with one or more other products or services for a single non-itemized price, then the percentage specified in Subsection (2) shall apply to the entire non-itemized price.
- (7) A seller may retain 3% of prepaid wireless 911 service charges the charges described in Subsection (2) that are collected by the seller from consumers as reimbursement for the cost of billing, collecting, and remitting the charge.
- (8) A person that collects a [prepaid wireless 911 service charge] charge described in Subsection (2), except as retained under Subsection (7), shall remit [the prepaid wireless 911 service] each charge to the commission at the same time that the seller remits to the commission money collected by the person under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.
  - (9) The commission shall distribute <u>revenues collected under this section as follows</u>:
- [(a) for revenues collected under this section for a filing period ending on or before June 30, 2019:]
- [(i) 53.8% of the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue to a public safety answering point in accordance with Section 69-2-302;]
- [(ii) 6.8% of the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue to the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account created in Section 63H-7a-304; and]
- [(iii) 39.4% of the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue to the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account created in Section 63H-7a-403; and]
- [(b) for revenues collected under this section for a filing period beginning July 1, 2019:]
  - [(i)] (a) 47.97% of the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue to a public safety answering point in accordance with Section 69-2-302;
  - [(ii)] (b) 16.89% of the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue to the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account created in Section 63H-7a-304; [and]
- [(iii)] (c) 35.14% of the prepaid wireless 911 service charge revenue to the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account created in Section 63H-7a-403[:]; and
- 1730 (d) 100% of the prepaid wireless telecommunications service charge revenue to the

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| 1731 | <u>Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund created in Section 54-8b-15.</u> |
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| 1732 | Section 15. Effective date.  |
| 1733 | This bill takes effect on January 1, 2021  |