

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of division A, add the following new title:

1 **TITLE VI—VIRTUAL CURRENCY**

2 **SEC. 601. VIRTUAL CURRENCY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-
4 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
5 by inserting after section 139F the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 139G. GAIN FROM SALE OR EXCHANGE OF VIRTUAL**
7 **CURRENCY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income shall not include
9 gain from the sale or exchange of virtual currency for
10 other than cash or cash equivalents.

11 “(b) LIMITATION.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of gain ex-
13 cluded from gross income under subsection (a) with
14 respect to a sale or exchange shall not exceed \$600.

15 “(2) AGGREGATION RULE.—For purposes of
16 this subsection, all sales or exchanges which are part
17 of the same transaction (or a series of related trans-
18 actions) shall be treated as one sale or exchange.

1 “(c) VIRTUAL CURRENCY.—For purposes of this sec-
2 tion, the term ‘virtual currency’ means a digital represen-
3 tation of value that is used as a medium of exchange and
4 is not otherwise currency under section 988.

5 “(d) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of any
6 taxable year beginning in a calendar year after 2018, the
7 dollar amount in subsection (b) shall be increased by an
8 amount equal to—

9 “(1) such dollar amount, multiplied by

10 “(2) the cost-of-living adjustment determined
11 under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which
12 the taxable year begins, determined by substituting
13 ‘calendar year 2017’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in sub-
14 paragraph (B) thereof.

15 Any increase determined under the preceding sentence
16 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$50.”

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code
19 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
20 139F the following new item:

“Sec. 139G. Gain from sale or exchange of virtual currency.”.

21 (c) REPORTING OF GAINS OR LOSSES.—The Sec-
22 retary shall issue regulations providing for information re-
23 turns on virtual currency transactions for which gain or
24 loss is recognized.

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to transactions en-
3 tered into after December 31, 2018.

