



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5703

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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:

(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF CURRENCY AS
PAYMENT IN LOCAL BUSINESSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) A person selling or
2 offering for sale goods or services at retail in this state shall not: (1)
3 Refuse to accept cash as a form of payment for such goods or services,
4 (2) post signs stating that cash payment is not accepted, or (3) charge a
5 higher price to customers who pay cash than such customers would
6 pay using any other form of payment. For purposes of this section, "at
7 retail" includes, but is not limited to, any retail transaction conducted
8 in person and shall exclude: (A) Any telephone, mail or Internet
9 transaction, (B) parking lots and parking garages, (C) transactions at
10 wholesale clubs that sell consumer goods and services through a
11 membership model, (D) transactions at retail stores selling consumer
12 goods exclusively through a membership model that requires payment
13 by means of an affiliated mobile device application, (E) transactions for
14 the rental of consumer goods, services or accommodations for which
15 posting of collateral or security is typically required, and (F) consumer
16 goods or services provided exclusively to employees and others

17 authorized to be on the employer's premises.

18 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed an
19 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
20 110b of the general statutes.

21 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
22 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
23 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit persons who offer consumer goods and services to the public from refusing to accept cash as a form of payment.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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