



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1256



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, 2020*) (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 pay
6 using any other form of payment. For purposes of this section, "at retail"
7 includes, but is not limited to, any retail transaction conducted in person
8 and shall exclude: (A) Any telephone, mail or Internet transaction, (B)
9 parking lots and parking garages, (C) transactions at wholesale clubs
10 that sell consumer goods and services through a membership model,
11 (D) transactions at retail stores selling consumer goods exclusively
12 through a membership model that requires payment by means of an
13 affiliated mobile device application, (E) transactions for the rental of
14 consumer goods, services or accommodations for which posting of
15 collateral or security is typically required, and (F) consumer goods or
16 services provided exclusively to employees and others authorized to be

17 on the employer's premises.

18 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
19 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
20 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section
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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.]