



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

**Substitute Bill No. 5312**



**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, 2021*) (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  
8 person, excluding any transaction: (A) By telephone, mail or the  
9 Internet, (B) for parking at a parking lot or a parking garage, (C) at a  
10 wholesale club that sells consumer goods and services through a  
11 membership model, (D) at a retail store selling consumer goods  
12 exclusively through a membership model that requires payment by  
13 means of an affiliated mobile device application, (E) for the rental of  
14 consumer goods, services or accommodations for which posting of  
15 collateral or security is typically required, and (F) for consumer goods  
16 or services provided exclusively to employees and others authorized to  
17 be 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:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) was changed for consistency and proper form.

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*