

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 764, L.D. 1159, "An Act to Prohibit Businesses from Refusing to Accept Cash for In-person Payments"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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**'An Act to Prohibit Businesses and Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash'**

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239 is enacted to read:

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### CHAPTER 239

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### PAYMENT BY CASH

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#### §1500-Y. Payment by cash

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Except as provided in section 1500-Z, a business, municipality or other governmental entity offering goods or services for sale at retail that charges a customer a fee on purchases made by credit card may not refuse payment in the form of cash for the goods or services.

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For purposes of this section, "sale at retail" means any retail transaction conducted in person and does not include a transaction conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the Internet.

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#### §1500-Z. Exemptions

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The requirements of section 1500-Y do not apply to the sale of goods or services by:

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1. Hotels. A hotel as defined in Title 36, section 1752, subsection 4;

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2. Motor vehicle rentals. A person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles subject to the requirements of Title 29-A, section 254; or

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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