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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 764, L.D. 1159, "An Act to Prohibit
10 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 Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit
13 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
15 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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A municipality or other governmental entity offering goods or services for sale at retail
21 that charges a customer a fee on purchases made by credit card may not refuse payment in
22 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
24 person and does not include a transaction conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the
25 Internet.'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
27 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and
30 changes the title. The amendment requires municipalities or other governmental entities

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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- 1 that charge a credit card fee on the purchase of goods or services to accept cash for those
- 2 goods and services.