

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 20, 2025

An Act to Prohibit Businesses from Refusing to Accept Cash for In-person Payments

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, SINCLAIR of Bath, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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

3 **CHAPTER 239**

4 **PAYMENT BY CASH**

5 **§1500-Y. Payment by cash**

6 A person offering goods or services for sale at retail may not:

7 **1. Refuse payment in cash.** For sales of less than \$2,000, refuse payment in the form
8 of cash for the goods or services;

9 **2. Require electronic payment.** For sales of less than \$2,000, require payment by
10 only an electronic method for the goods or services;

11 **3. Sign posting.** Post any sign stating that cash payments are not accepted; and

12 **4. Higher price.** Charge a higher price to customers paying for the goods or services
13 with cash instead of by an electronic method.

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires a person offering goods or services at retail in person to accept cash
19 for sales of less than \$2,000 and prohibits the person from accepting payment by only an
20 electronic method. These provisions do not apply to transactions conducted remotely by
21 telephone, mail or the Internet. The bill also prohibits a person offering goods or services
22 at retail from posting any sign stating that cash payments are not accepted and from
23 charging a higher price to customers paying with cash instead of by an electronic method.