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L.D. 1217

Date: 6-3-21

(Filing No. H-397)

MINORITY

**INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND
BUSINESS**

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 892, L.D. 1217, "An Act To Require the
Acceptance of Cash for In-person Retail Transactions"

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 233 in §1500-N by striking out all of the first indented
paragraph (page 1, lines 6 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A person offering goods or services for sale at retail may not refuse payment in the
form of cash for the goods or services or require payment only by an electronic method. A
person offering goods or services for sale at retail may not charge a higher price or fee for
a payment in the form of cash for the goods or services. For purposes of this section, "at
retail" means any retail transaction conducted in person and does not include a transaction
conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the Internet. This section does not apply to the
rental of goods or services. A violation of this section constitutes a civil violation for which
a fine of up to \$25 for the first offense and up to \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense may
be adjudged.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds that a person
offering goods or services for sale at retail in person may not charge a higher price or fee
for a cash payment. It also adds an exemption for the rental of goods and services. The
fines for a violation are reduced from \$500 to \$25 for a first offense and from \$1,000 to
\$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/01/21 *MAC*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1217

LR 1449(02)

An Act To Require the Acceptance of Cash for In-person Retail Transactions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *ACH-397*
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine and/or fee revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.