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House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

**An Act to Ensure That Businesses Do Not Refuse Payment in Person
with Cash**

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield,
POMERLEAU of Standish, WHITE of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 235** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 235**

4 **PAYMENT BY CASH**

5 **§1500-Q. Payment by cash**

6 A person offering goods or services for sale at retail may not refuse payment in the
7 form of cash for the goods or services or require payment by only an electronic method.
8 For purposes of this section, "sale at retail" means any retail transaction conducted in
9 person and does not include a transaction conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the
10 Internet.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires a person offering goods or services for sale at retail in person to accept
13 cash and prohibits the person from accepting payment by only an electronic method. These
14 provisions do not apply to transactions conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the
15 Internet.