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Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting retail establishments from refusing to accept payment in cash

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "cash
2 acceptance act".

3 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 396-
4 ii to read as follows:

5 § 396-ii. Cashless policies prohibited. a. As used in this section,
6 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

7 (i) "Food-service establishment" shall mean an establishment which
8 gives or offers for sale food or beverages to the public for consumption
9 or use on or off the premises.

10 (ii) "Retail establishment" shall mean an establishment in which
11 consumer commodities are sold, displayed or offered for sale, or which
12 provides services to consumers at retail.

13 b. It shall be unlawful for a food-service establishment or a retail
14 establishment, as policy, to refuse to accept payment in cash from
15 consumers.

16 c. A food-service establishment or retail establishment violating this
17 section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than twenty-five
18 hundred dollars for the first violation and a civil penalty of not more
19 than five thousand dollars for each succeeding violation.

20 d. The department of labor may promulgate such rules as it deems
21 necessary to implement and enforce this section.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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