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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to providing discounts for non-credit card payments

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 518 of the general business law, as added by chap-  
2 ter 160 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:  
3 S 518. Credit card surcharge prohibited. No seller in any sales trans-  
4 action may impose a surcharge on a holder who elects to use a credit  
5 card in lieu of payment by cash, check, or similar means. NOTHING IN  
6 THIS SECTION OR IN ANY OTHER LAW SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT,  
7 RESTRICT OR LIMIT IN ANY WAY A SELLER'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE A DISCOUNT TO  
8 A PERSON THAT MAKES PAYMENT BY CASH, CHECK OR SIMILAR MEANS.  
9 Any seller who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty  
10 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars  
11 or a term of imprisonment up to one year, or both.  
12 S 2. 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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