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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 764, L.D. 1159, "An Act to Prohibit Businesses from Refusing to Accept Cash for In-person Payments"
11	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
12 13	'An Act to Prohibit Businesses and Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for Inperson Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash'
14 15	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:
16	'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239 is enacted to read:
17	CHAPTER 239
18	PAYMENT BY CASH
19	§1500-Y. Payment by cash
20 21 22	Except as provided in section 1500-Z, a business, municipality or other governmental entity offering goods or services for sale at retail that charges a customer a fee on purchases made by credit card may not refuse payment in the form of cash for the goods or services.
23 24 25	For purposes of this section, "sale at retail" means any retail transaction conducted in person and does not include a transaction conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the Internet.
26	§1500-Z. Exemptions
27	The requirements of section 1500-Y do not apply to the sale of goods or services by:
28	1. Hotels. A hotel as defined in Title 36, section 1752, subsection 4;
29 30	2. Motor vehicle rentals. A person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles subject to the requirements of Title 29-A, section 254; or

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1 2	3. Businesses without physical presence. A business that does not have a permanent physical presence in a building.'
3 4	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.
5	SUMMARY
6 7	This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires businesses, municipalities or other
8	governmental entities that charge a credit card fee on the purchase of goods or services to
9	accept cash for those goods and services. The amendment exempts motor vehicle rental
0	companies, hotels and businesses that do not operate within a permanent physical building.