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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 764, L.D. 1159, “An Act to Prohibit Businesses from Refusing to Accept Cash for In-person Payments”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Prohibit Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 239

PAYMENT BY CASH

§1500-Y. Payment by cash

A 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.

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.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires municipalities or other governmental entities

- 1 that charge a credit card fee on the purchase of goods or services to accept cash for those
- 2 goods and services.