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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 Businesses and 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

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.

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.

§1500-Z. Exemptions

The requirements of section 1500-Y do not apply to the sale of goods or services by:

- 1. Hotels.** A hotel as defined in Title 36, section 1752, subsection 4;
- 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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

