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## DIGEST

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Bayham

**Abstract:** Requires certain businesses to accept cash as a payment option for in-person transactions.

Proposed law defines "business", "cash", and "customer".

Proposed law applies to retail businesses that offer in-person services and does not include any of the following:

- (1) Certain parking facilities.
- (2) A business providing services by accountants, architects, attorneys, engineers, financial advisers, insurance agents, interior designers, software developers, or management and other consultants.
- (3) Sales in which the business suspects the use of counterfeit cash.
- (4) The use of cash larger than a \$20 bill.
- (5) Single transactions above \$5,000.
- (6) Scrap metal recycling facilities.
- (7) Continuous service or membership contract agreements.

Proposed law provides for the following civil penalties when a business violates proposed law:

- (1) \$2,500 for first offense.
- (2) \$5,000 for second offense.
- (3) \$10,000 any subsequent offenses.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Justice shall adopt rules necessary to implement proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 51:11)