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HB 339 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Defines "authorized agents" and authorizes air carrier airports to accept debit card, credit card, or a similar approved payment device. Restricts air carrier airports from prohibiting the use of U.S. currency for any transaction including but not limited to food and beverage or other consumer-related purchases in commercial terminal facilities and provides an exemption for purchases through airline and rental car companies.

Proposed law defines "authorized agent" as any non-aeronautical service at the airport which provides business or products which are not associated with aviation.

Proposed law authorizes all air carrier airports or their agents to collect payment by credit card, debit card, or a similar approved payment device for any transaction including but not limited to food and beverage or other consumer-related purchases in commercial terminal facilities.

Proposed law restricts all air carrier airports or their agents from prohibiting the use of U.S. currency, coin or paper money, for the payment of any transaction including but not limited to food and beverage, or other consumer-related purchases in commercial terminal facilities.

Proposed law provides an exemption from proposed law for the purchase of airline tickets, luggage fees, purchases through the airline, or rental transactions involving self-service kiosks or vending machines, or fees charged directly by an airport for non-consumer services or items.

(Adds R.S. 2:135.4)

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove a provision in proposed law that would have prohibited the use of U.S. currency for parking transactions.
2. Provide for consumer-related purchases in commercial terminal facilities.
3. Specify that proposed law does not apply to airline parking fees or rental transactions involving self-service kiosks or vending machines or fees charged directly by an airport for non-consumer services or items.