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HOUSE BILL NO. 339

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PUBLIC FACILITIES: Provides relative to acceptable payment types at air carrier airports

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 2:135.4, relative to acceptable forms of payment at air carrier airports; to
3 authorize air carrier airports and their agents to receive certain types of payment for
4 transactions; to prohibit air carrier airports and their agents from refusing to accept
5 certain payments for transactions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 2:135.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §135.4. Payment methods at airports

10 A. For purposes of this Section, the term "authorized agent" shall mean any
11 non-aeronautical service at the airport which provides business or products which are
12 not associated with aviation.

13 B.(1) All air carrier airports or their authorized agents may collect payment
14 by credit card, debit card, or a similar approved payment device for any transaction
15 including but not limited to food and beverage or other consumer-related purchases
16 in commercial terminal facilities.

17 (2) No air carrier airport or its authorized agent shall prohibit the use of
18 United States currency, coin or paper money, for the payment of such transactions.

- 1 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the purchase of airline
2 tickets, luggage fees, purchases through the airline, parking fees, or rental
3 transactions involving self-service kiosks or vending machines, or fees charged
4 directly by an airport for non-consumer services or items.
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DIGEST

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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.