

ACT No. 635

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 39:441, relative to public facilities; to provide for acceptance of
4 certain types of payments at facilities; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions;
5 to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:441, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 3. PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES

11 §441. Required acceptance of certain payment types at state-owned facilities

12 A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following
13 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 (1) "Cash" means legal tender of the United States in the form of coins or
15 currency.

16 (2) "Corporeal" shall have the same meaning as in Civil Code Article 461.

1 (3) "Customer" means any person who uses, purchases, or leases goods or
 2 services.

3 (4) "Incorporeal" shall have the same meaning as in Civil Code Article 461.

4 (5) "Public facility" means a stadium facility owned by the state or any of
 5 its instrumentalities, agencies, boards, or commissions that is normally used for
 6 athletic or entertainment events, activities, or enterprises. The term shall include but
 7 not be limited to the Louisiana Superdome, the Smoothie King Center, and Louisiana
 8 State University's Tiger Stadium.

9 B.(1) Each public facility shall accept an offer of payment in cash for any
 10 transaction involving the purchase of any corporeal or incorporeal if, in connection
 11 with such transaction, the public facility would accept one or more other forms of
 12 payment for the same purchase and the customer seeking to engage in the transaction
 13 is physically present at the public facility.

14 (2) An entity owning a public facility may satisfy the requirement in
 15 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection by having available on site a cash-to-card kiosk into
 16 which a customer deposits cash and is given a debit card loaded with the amount
 17 deposited. The customer may use the debit card to complete a transaction at the
 18 public facility.

19 (3) An entity owning a public facility may not charge a fee or place any other
 20 condition on its acceptance of cash as required pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this
 21 Subsection.

22 C. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any of the following:

23 (1) Sales that are not conducted in person, including telephone, mail, and
 24 internet-based or other electronic transactions.

25 (2) Sales in which the entity suspects the use of counterfeit cash.

26 (3) The use of cash denominations larger than twenty dollars by a customer.

27 (4) Single transactions above five thousand dollars.

28 (5) Transactions related to parking at the public facility.

29 D. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to transactions initiated on or
 30 after July 1, 2027.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
3 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____