

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
3 which was referred Senate Bill No. 175 entitled “An act relating to requiring
4 retail businesses to accept cash” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2466d is added to read:

8 § 2466d. CASHLESS BUSINESSES; PROHIBITION

9 (a) A seller or lessor who offers goods or services at retail to consumers
10 shall not refuse to accept cash as a method of payment, unless the transaction:

11 (1) exceeds \$1,000.00;

12 (2) is conducted by telephone, by mail, or over the internet;

13 (3) is for parking at a parking lot or a parking garage;

14 (4) occurs at a wholesale club that sells goods or services to consumers
15 through a membership model;

16 (5) is one in which a security deposit is placed on a credit card to cover
17 unforeseen damages or expenses;

18 (6) is one in which a bank or a credit union is the seller or lessor;

19 (7) occurs outside the physical location of the business;

20 (8) is one in which the seller or lessor is unable to accept cash either
21 because of a sale system failure that temporarily prevents the processing of

1 cash payments or because the seller or lessor temporarily lacks sufficient cash
2 on hand to make change.

3 (b) A person who violates this section commits an unfair practice in
4 commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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10 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE