
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **512** Session of
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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
APRIL 22, 2021

AN ACT

1 Requiring the acceptance of cash payments for the purchase of
2 goods and services at retail.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Cash Payment
7 Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "At retail." A retail transaction conducted in person. The
13 term does not include a telephone, mail or Internet-based retail
14 transaction.

15 Section 3. Acceptance of cash payments.

16 A person selling or offering for sale goods or services at
17 retail shall accept legal tender when offered by a buyer as
18 payment and may not require a buyer to pay using credit or

1 prohibit cash or coins as payment in order to purchase the goods
2 or services.

3 Section 4. Penalties.

4 A person that violates section 3 shall be subject to a civil
5 penalty as follows:

6 (1) A civil penalty of up to \$2,500 for a first offense.

7 (2) A civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for a second or
8 subsequent offense.

9 Section 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 90 days.