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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting retail establishments from refusing to accept payment in cash

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 20 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 20

CASHLESS POLICIES PROHIBITED

§ 20-828 Cashless policies prohibited. a. As used in this subchapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Food-service establishment. The term “food-service establishment” means an establishment which gives or offers for sale food or beverages to the public for consumption or use on or off the premises.

Retail establishment. The term “retail establishment” means an establishment in which consumer commodities are sold, displayed or offered for sale, or which provides services to consumers at retail.

b. It shall be unlawful for a food-service establishment or a retail establishment, as policy, to refuse to accept payment in cash from consumers.

c. A food-service establishment or retail establishment violating this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$250 for the first violation and a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each succeeding violation.

d. The department may promulgate such rules as it deems necessary to implement and enforce this subchapter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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