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HB 2555: businesses; requirement to accept cash

Sponsor: Representative Chaplik, LD 3

House Engrossed

Overview

Stipulates that cash must be accepted as a form of payment by businesses located in this state.

History

Statute defines *legal tender* as a medium of exchange, including specie, that is authorized by the United States Constitution or Congress for payment of debts, public charges, taxes and dues ([A.R.S. § 6-851](#)).

Legal tender is federally defined as United States coins and currency (including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks) are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes and dues. Foreign gold or silver coins are not legal tender for debts ([Section 31, U.S.C. § 5103](#)).

Provisions

1. Asserts a retail business that is physically located in Arizona must accept cash as a form of payment for goods and services with an aggregate value of \$100 or less. (Sec. 2)
2. Prohibits a retail business from charging a fee or penalty for using cash as a form of payment. (Sec. 2)
3. Defines *retail business* as every business classified under the retail classification. (Sec. 2)
4. Stipulates a person has a cause of action against the person who commits a violation by denying the use of cash or charging a fee for using cash. (Sec. 2)
5. Specifies a person who has committed a violation is liable for damages for each violation amounting to \$1,000 with a maximum of \$1,000 per person per day or \$5,000 per person in total. (Sec. 2)
6. Entitles the prevailing plaintiff in an action to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs. (Sec. 2)
7. Directs the court to annually adjust the liability damage amounts for inflation. (Sec. 2)
8. Excludes, from the requirement to accept cash, online sales and written contracts that dictate the acceptable form of payment. (Sec. 2)
9. Makes a technical change. (Sec. 1)

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Prop 108 (40 votes)

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