

REFERENCE TITLE: **businesses; requirement to accept cash**

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## **HB 2555**

Introduced by

Representatives Chaplik: Biasiucci, Carter, Diaz, Dunn, Gillette,  
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Pingerelli, Smith, Wilmeth, Senator Hoffman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 44, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 44-7952; RELATING TO BUSINESSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The chapter heading of title 44, chapter 38, Arizona Revised  
4 Statutes, is changed from "BUSINESSES EXEMPT FROM MASK MANDATE" to  
5 "BUSINESSES GENERALLY".

6 Sec. 2. Title 44, chapter 38, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
7 is amended by adding section 44-7952, to read:

8 44-7952. Businesses with physical locations in this state;  
9 requirements; acceptance of cash; cause of action;  
10 exemption

11 A. A BUSINESS WITH A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THIS STATE MUST ACCEPT  
12 CASH AS A FORM OF PAYMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES AND MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE  
13 OR PENALTY FOR USING CASH AS A FORM OF PAYMENT.

14 B. ANY PERSON WHO IS DENIED THE RIGHT TO USE CASH AS A FORM OF  
15 PAYMENT FOR GOODS OR SERVICES OR WHO IS CHARGED A FEE OR PENALTY FOR USING  
16 CASH AS A FORM OF PAYMENT HAS A CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST A PERSON THAT  
17 VIOLATES SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. A PERSON THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION  
18 A OF THIS SECTION IS LIABLE FOR DAMAGES FOR EACH VIOLATION IN AN AMOUNT OF  
19 \$1,000 BUT NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 PER PERSON PER DAY OR \$5,000 PER PERSON  
20 TOTAL. THE PREVAILING PLAINTIFF IN AN ACTION SHALL ALSO BE ENTITLED TO  
21 RECOVER REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

22 C. THE COURT SHALL ANNUALLY ADJUST THE DAMAGES SET FORTH IN  
23 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION FOR INFLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER  
24 PRICE INDEX AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU  
25 OF LABOR STATISTICS.

26 D. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ONLINE SALE OF GOODS OR  
27 SERVICES.