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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Gallo, Seveney, Lombardi, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13.1 of the General Laws entitled "Deceptive Trade Practices" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **6-13.1-30. Cash payment for retail purchases.**

4 It shall be a deceptive trade practice in violation of this chapter for any retail
5 establishment offering goods or services for sale to discriminate against a prospective customer
6 by requiring the use of credit for purchase of goods or services. All retail establishments shall
7 accept legal tender currency when offered as payment. Provided, the provisions of this section
8 shall not apply to online purchases or sales made over the Internet.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would require retail establishments to accept cash in payment for goods and
- 2 services excluding online purchases.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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