

## HB526 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require any entity that employs at least six individuals to accept cash as payment for in-person purchases, subject to certain exceptions.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to legal tender; to require any entity that employs at least six individuals to accept cash as payment for in-person purchases; and to provide exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) An entity that employs at least six individuals and sells or offers for sale goods or services may not require a buyer to pay using credit, or prohibit cash as payment, in order to purchase the goods or services through an in-person transaction. The entity shall accept cash when offered by the buyer as payment.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to the following entities:

(1) Any entity selling or offering for sale goods or services at an airport. If a terminal of an airport has more than two entities selling or offering for sale goods or



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29 services, then the airport shall require two of the entities  
30 to accept cash as payment.

31 (2) Any parking facility owned by a municipality,  
32 regardless of whether the facility is operated by the  
33 municipality, a parking authority, or an independent third  
34 party.

35 (3) Any parking facility that only accepts mobile  
36 payment.

37 (4) Any entity in the business of renting motor  
38 vehicles. If an entity does not accept cash under this  
39 subdivision, the entity shall accept a cashier's check or a  
40 certified check if offered by a buyer as payment.

41 (5) Any retail entity that provides a device on the  
42 entity's premises which converts cash into a prepaid credit  
43 card and allows a buyer to complete a transaction with the  
44 entity using the prepaid credit card. The device may not  
45 charge a fee or require a minimum deposit amount greater than  
46 five dollars (\$5). Upon request of the buyer, the device shall  
47 provide the buyer with a paper or electronic receipt  
48 indicating the amount of cash the buyer deposited onto the  
49 prepaid credit card.

50 (6) Any public institution of higher education that  
51 provides a location, on campus and during regular business  
52 hours, which converts cash into a prepaid credit card and  
53 allows a buyer to complete a transaction on campus using the  
54 prepaid credit card. The device may not charge a fee or  
55 require a minimum deposit amount greater than five dollars  
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57 buyer with a paper or electronic receipt indicating the amount  
58 of cash the buyer deposited onto the prepaid credit card.

59 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
60 1, 2026.