
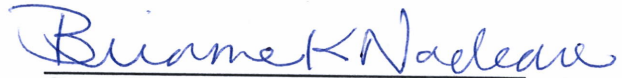
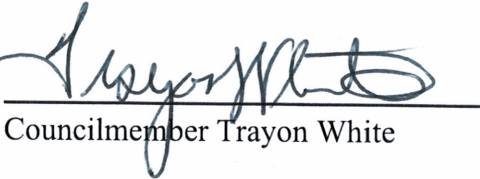


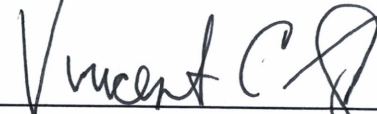
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13 A BILL

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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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17 To amend Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code to prohibit retail establishments
18 from discriminating against cash as a form of payment, and to provide for enforcement of
19 this requirement.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
22 act may be cited as the “Cashless Retailers Prohibition Act of 2019”.

23 Sec. 2. Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

24 (a) The table of contents is amended by adding a new chapter designation to read as
25 follows:

26 “54. Cashless Retail Prohibition.”.

27 (b) Section 28-3904 is amended as follows:

28 (1) Paragraph (hh) is amended by striking the word “or”.

29 (2) Paragraph (ii) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or”
30 in its place.

31 (3) A new paragraph (jj) is added to read as follows:

32 “(jj) violate any provision of Chapter 54 of this title.”.

33 (c) A new Chapter 54 is added to read as follows:

34 “CHAPTER 54. CASHLESS RETAIL PROHIBITION.

35 “Sec.

36 “28-5401. Definitions.

37 “28-5402. Prohibited practices.

38 “28-5403. Civil penalties.

39 “§28-5401. Definitions.

40 “For the purposes of this chapter, the term “retailer” means a person holding a basic
41 business license who sells products or services in a retail setting in small quantities directly to the
42 ultimate consumer.

43 “§28-5402. Prohibited practices.

44 “A retailer shall not discriminate against cash as a form of payment for services
45 purchased on the licensed premises, including by:

46 “(a) Refusing to accept cash as a form of payment;

47 “(b) Posting signs on the licensed premises that cash payment is not accepted;

48 “(c) Charging different prices to customers depending on their payment method.

49 “§28-5403. Civil penalties.

50 “(a) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter shall be an unlawful trade
51 practice under § 28-3904.”.

52 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

53 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
54 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
55 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

56 Sec. 4. Effective date.

57 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
58 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
59 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
60 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; DC Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
61 Columbia Register.