

House Bill 940

By: Representatives Jones of the 25th, Williams of the 148th, Cannon of the 172nd, Horner of the 3rd, and Barrett of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to require retail stores
3 to accept cash for purchases; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," is amended by adding a new Code
9 section to read as follows:

10 "10-1-393.20.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Cash' means physical currency or coin that constitutes legal tender of the United
13 States.

14 (2) 'Retail store' means any physical establishment where goods or services, including,
15 but not limited to, food products, are offered for sale to members of the public. Such
16 term shall include food service establishments, as defined in Code Section 26-2-370.

- 17 (b) Unless otherwise permitted by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to refuse, in
18 connection with any consumer transaction taking place at a retail store, to accept cash from
19 a consumer when such cash is offered as a form of payment for any good or service,
20 including, but not limited to, any food product, offered for sale by such person at such retail
21 store.
- 22 (c) Any person who violates this Code section shall be subject to the penalties provided
23 in this part."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.