

SENATE BILL 2615

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 47, Chapter 18, relative to payments by consumers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) A person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail shall not require a buyer to pay using credit, or prohibit cash as payment, in order to purchase the goods or services. A person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail shall accept legal tender when offered by the buyer as payment.

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) only applies to:

(A) A person that employs at least six (6) employees; and

(B) Transactions occurring in-person.

(b) A violation of this section constitutes an unfair or deceptive act prohibited under § 47-18-104, and is punishable as provided in this part.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.