Senate Bill 716

Sponsored by Senator BEYER (at the request of Casey Houlihan)

SUMMARY

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Requires retail seller or provider of essential goods and services to accept offer to pay by cash from retail buyer for purchase of goods or services. Specifies exemption for deposits and certain contingent expenses related to transaction that exceeds or may exceed $100.

1   **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2   Relating to accepting cash in retail transactions.

3   **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4   **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 83.010 to 83.190.**

5   **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "provider of essential goods and services" means**

6   **a person that provides for sale to a retail buyer or other consumer a good or service that**

7   **is essential to the retail buyer's or consumer's life, health or welfare, including, but not**

8   **limited to, a person that provides:**

9   **(a) Medical services, medical treatments and medications; and**

10   **(b) Food, water, sanitation and shelter.**

11   **(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a retail seller or provider of es-**

12   **sential goods and services shall accept a retail buyer's offer to pay by cash to purchase goods**

13   **or services. The retail seller or provider of essential goods and services may not require the**

14   **retail buyer to use credit or another form of payment to purchase the goods or services.**

15   **(3) A retail seller or provider of essential goods and services may decline cash as payment**

16   **for a deposit or for contingent expenses that the retail seller or provider of essential goods**

17   **and services must bear until the completion of a retail transaction if the retail transaction**

18   **exceeds, or if the retail seller or provider of essential goods and services reasonably expects**

19   **the retail transaction to exceed, $100 in value.**

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