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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than January
4 1, 2028, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
5 consultation with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council,
6 shall coordinate with an independent institution of higher education
7 with a campus located in the city of West Haven to establish a state-
8 wide, one-day training program for police officers in the state in order
9 to increase law enforcement retention and readiness. Such training shall
10 include, but need not be limited to, expert instruction, scenario-based
11 exercises, de-escalation skills and practical planning, and be available
12 on an online technology platform. Nothing in this section shall be
13 construed to require a police officer to attend such training at an
14 independent institution of higher education in the city of West Haven.
15 For purposes of this section, "police officer" has the same meaning as

16 provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2029, and annually thereafter, the
18 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
19 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
20 general statutes, on the status of the program to the joint standing
21 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to public safety and labor.

23 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section:

24 (1) "Cash" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-434 of the
25 general statutes, as amended by this act;

26 (2) "Merchant" means a person engaged in the business of selling
27 goods or services at retail on an in-person basis; and

28 (3) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited
29 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

30 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, a merchant
31 doing business in this state shall determine the total price for a good or
32 service such merchant sells, at retail, on an in-person basis in the
33 following manner:

34 (1) The total price of such good or service shall include all service and
35 merchant fees charged for such good or service, and all taxes imposed
36 on the purchase of such good or service under title 12 of the general
37 statutes, less any discount or deduction made therefrom; and

38 (2) (A) If the total price determined in accordance with the provisions
39 of subdivision (1) of this subsection ends in one cent, two cents, six cents
40 or seven cents, such total price may be rounded down to the nearest
41 amount divisible by five cents for an individual seeking to purchase
42 such good or service by cash; or

43 (B) If the total price determined in accordance with the provisions of
44 subdivision (1) of this subsection ends in three cents, four cents, eight

45 cents or nine cents, such total price may be rounded up to the nearest
 46 amount divisible by five cents for an individual seeking to purchase
 47 such good or service by cash.

48 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this subsection shall not apply
 49 to any transaction in which:

50 (1) The total price determined in accordance with the provisions of
 51 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section is four cents or less; or

52 (2) Payment is made by any demand or negotiable instrument,
 53 electronic funds transfer, money order, credit card, debit card, electronic
 54 payment or similar instrument.

55 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 21a-434 of the 2026 supplement to the
 56 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 57 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

58 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) or (d) of this section, a person
 59 selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail in this state shall
 60 not: (1) Refuse to accept cash as a form of payment for such goods or
 61 services, (2) post signs stating that cash payment is not accepted, or (3)
 62 except as provided in section 2 of this act, charge a customer paying cash
 63 a higher price than such customer would pay using any other form of
 64 payment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	21a-434(b)