A bill to be entitled
An act relating to acceptance of cash payments by
businesses; creating s. 559.96, F.S.; requiring
certain businesses to accept cash payments for certain
transactions; prohibiting fees or conditions for such
transactions; providing definitions, construction,
exceptions, and penalties; requiring the Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 559.96, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

559.96 Acceptance of cash payments by businesses.—
(1) As used in this section, the term:
(a) "Business" means any business operating at a fixed,
permanent physical premises, from a vehicle or other mobile
space, or from a temporary physical premises.
(b) "Cash" means legal tender of the United States in the
form of coins or currency.
(c) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services.
(2)(a) A business must accept an offer of payment in cash
for any transaction involving the purchase of any tangible good
or any service if, in connection with such transaction, the
business would accept one or more other forms of payment and the
customer seeking to engage in such transaction is physically
present at the place of business.

(b) A business may not charge a fee or place any other
condition on its acceptance of cash as required by paragraph
(a).

(3) This section does not apply to:
(a) Sales that are not conducted in person, including
telephone, mail, Internet-based transactions, or other
electronic transactions.
(b) A parking facility owned by a municipality regardless
of who operates the facility.
(c) A parking facility that accepts electronic funds
transfer.
(d) A business providing services by accountants,
architects, attorneys, engineers, financial advisers, insurance
agents, interior designers, software developers, and management
and other consultants, not including services provided by
licensed medical or allied health care practitioners.
(e) Sales in which the business suspects the use of
counterfeit cash.
(f) The use of cash denominations larger than $20 by a
customer.
(g) Single transactions above $5,000.
(4) A business that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to $2,500 for a first offense, up to $5,000 for a second offense, and up to $10,000 for a third or subsequent offense to be assessed by the department.

(5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.