

Senate Bill 548

By: Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Merritt of the 9th, McLaurin of the 14th, Islam Parkes of the 7th and Jackson of the 41st

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 prohibit merchants
3 from refusing to accept cash for purchases; to provide for a definition; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **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 'merchant' means any person who offers goods,
12 wares, merchandise, or services for sale in this state to the public and shall include an
13 employee of a merchant.

14 (b) Unless otherwise permitted by law, it shall be unlawful for a merchant to discriminate
15 against a cash buyer by requiring the use of credit in order to purchase such merchant's

16 goods and services and a merchant shall not refuse to accept legal tender when offered as
17 payment by a buyer."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.