



Stores Across State Must Accept Cash Payments ?? Face Fines

Description

Starting Saturday, stores in New York must accept cash payments.

The new law starts on March 21. All food stores and shops in the state must take cash for items and services. The law also says businesses cannot charge more for cash payments.

Attorney General Letitia James said this law is important. She said all New Yorkers have the right to pay how they want. They should not be denied access to things they need, like food and clothes, just because they pay in cash.

Bayport Flower Houses is a business that sells flowers. The manager, Amy Auwaerter, said they already accept cash. They are ready for the new law.

The law applies to restaurants and bars too. There are some exceptions. Stores do not have to accept bills over \$20. They only need to take cash in person.

Customers can report stores that do not follow this law. The state can fine (penalise) stores that break the rules. Fines can be up to \$1,000 for the first time and \$1,500 for later offences.

Vocabulary List:

1. **accept** //ək'sept// (verb): to take something someone offers you
2. **payments** //'peɪmənts// (noun): money given for goods or services
3. **access** //'æks.es// (noun): the ability to use or reach something
4. **denied** //dɪ'naɪd// (verb): not allowed to have or use something
5. **exceptions** //'ɪk'seɪʃənz// (noun): things not included in a general rule
6. **fine** //faɪn// (verb): to make someone pay money as punishment

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When does the new law requiring stores in New York to accept cash payments start?

Option: March 1



- Option: March 15
- Option: March 21
- Option: April 1

2. What types of businesses must accept cash according to the new law?

- Option: Only restaurants
- Option: Only flower shops
- Option: All food stores and shops
- Option: Only clothing stores

3. What is the maximum fine for stores that break the cash acceptance rules for the first time?

- Option: \$500
- Option: \$1,000
- Option: \$1,500
- Option: \$2,000

4. Who is the Attorney General who commented on the importance of the cash payment law?

- Option: Letitia James
- Option: Andrew Cuomo
- Option: Bill de Blasio
- Option: Kathy Hochul

5. What is the maximum bill amount that stores are not required to accept in cash?

- Option: \$10
- Option: \$20
- Option: \$50
- Option: \$100

6. Which business mentioned is already accepting cash payments?

- Option: Bayport Flower Houses
- Option: Joe's Diner
- Option: NYC Grocery
- Option: Central Park Cafe

True-False

7. The law applies only to food stores and excludes clothing shops.



8. Customers can report stores that do not comply with the cash acceptance law.
9. Fines for violating the cash acceptance law can be as high as \$1,500 for the first offence.
10. The law states that businesses cannot charge more for cash payments.
11. Amy Auwaerter is the manager of a cash-only business.
12. All stores must accept cash payments in person according to the law.

Gap-Fill

13. Starting Saturday, stores in New York must accept cash payments beginning on _____.
14. Attorney General Letitia James stated that all New Yorkers have the right to pay how they _____.
15. Fines for a violation can be up to \$1,000 for the _____ time.
16. The law requires all food stores and shops in the state to accept _____.
17. Stores do not have to accept bills over _____.
18. Bayport Flower Houses, managed by Amy Auwaerter, stated they are ready for the new _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. March 21 2. All food stores and shops 3. \$1,000 4. Letitia James 5. \$20 6. Bayport Flower Houses

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

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