

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

PUBLIC FACILITIES: Requires acceptance of cash for certain transactions at state-owned stadium facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 39:441, relative to public facilities; to provide for acceptance of
4 certain types of payments at facilities; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions;
5 to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:441, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 3. PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES

11 §441. Required acceptance of certain payment types at state-owned facilities

12 A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following
13 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 (1) "Cash" means legal tender of the United States in the form of coins or
15 currency.

16 (2) "Corporeal" shall have the same meaning as in Civil Code Article 461.

17 (3) "Customer" means any person who uses, purchases, or leases goods or
18 services.

19 (4) "Incorporeal" shall have the same meaning as in Civil Code Article 461.

1 (5) "Public facility" means a stadium facility owned by the state or any of
2 its instrumentalities, agencies, boards, or commissions that is normally used for
3 athletic or entertainment events, activities, or enterprises. The term shall include but
4 not be limited to the Louisiana Superdome, the Smoothie King Center, and Louisiana
5 State University's Tiger Stadium.

6 B.(1) Each public facility shall accept an offer of payment in cash for any
7 transaction involving the purchase of any corporeal or incorporeal if, in connection
8 with such transaction, the public facility would accept one or more other forms of
9 payment for the same purchase and the customer seeking to engage in the transaction
10 is physically present at the public facility.

11 (2) An entity owning a public facility may satisfy the requirement in
12 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection by having available on site a cash-to-card kiosk into
13 which a customer deposits cash and is given a debit card loaded with the amount
14 deposited. The customer may use the debit card to complete a transaction at the
15 public facility.

16 (3) An entity owning a public facility may not charge a fee or place any other
17 condition on its acceptance of cash as required pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this
18 Subsection.

19 C. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any of the following:

20 (1) Sales that are not conducted in person, including telephone, mail, and
21 internet-based or other electronic transactions.

22 (2) Sales in which the entity suspects the use of counterfeit cash.

23 (3) The use of cash denominations larger than twenty dollars by a customer.

24 (4) Single transactions above five thousand dollars.

25 (5) Transactions related to parking at the public facility.

26 D. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to transactions initiated on or
27 after July 1, 2027.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
3 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires each public facility to accept cash as a payment option for certain in-person transactions or to supply a cash-to-card kiosk to allow a customer to convert cash to a debit card to complete his or her in-person transaction.

Proposed law requires each public facility to accept cash as a payment option for certain in-person transactions. Defines "public facility" to mean a stadium facility owned by the state or any of its instrumentalities, agencies, boards, or commissions that is normally used for athletic or entertainment events, activities, or enterprises. Further provides that the term includes but is not limited to the La. Superdome, the Smoothie King Center, and La. State University's Tiger Stadium.

Proposed law provides an exception if the public entity has available on site a cash-to-card kiosk into which a customer deposits cash and is given a debit card loaded with the amount deposited in order to complete the in-person transaction. Prohibits the levy of a fee or any other condition on a public entity's acceptance of cash as required pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides exceptions, including sales in which the entity suspects the use of counterfeit cash, the use of cash denominations larger than \$20 by a customer, and transactions related to parking at the public facility.

Proposed law becomes effective July 1, 2026, and applies to transactions initiated on or after July 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 39:441)