

SENATE BILL 893

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF HB 1026

By: **Senator Gile**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted with floor amendments

Read second time: February 27, 2026

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Rounding Cash Transactions – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a merchant to round the portion of the price of a certain
4 ~~cash transactions~~ transaction for which a customer pays using cash in a certain
5 manner or round the amount of change due to a customer in a certain manner;
6 ~~authorizing an employer to round a wage that the employer pays using cash in a~~
7 ~~certain manner~~; providing that certain provisions of this Act shall preempt existing
8 regulations, rules, and ordinances that conflict with certain provisions of this Act;
9 and generally relating to rounding cash transactions.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Business Regulation

12 Section 1-601 through ~~1-607~~ 1-606 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6.

13 Rounding Cash Transactions in a Trade or Business”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

17 ~~Article – Labor and Employment~~

18 ~~Section 3-502(a)~~

19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

20 ~~(2025 Replacement Volume)~~

21 ~~BY adding to~~

22 ~~Article – Labor and Employment~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~Section 3-502(g)~~
2 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
3 ~~(2025 Replacement Volume)~~

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Business Regulation**

7 **SUBTITLE 6. ROUNDING CASH TRANSACTIONS IN A TRADE OR BUSINESS.**

8 **1-601.**

9 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
10 INDICATED.

11 (B) (1) “CASH” MEANS UNITED STATES COINS AND CURRENCY.

12 (2) “CASH” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

13 (I) A PAPER INSTRUMENT OTHER THAN A FEDERAL RESERVE
14 NOTE; OR

15 (II) A GIFT CARD.

16 (C) “CUSTOMER” MEANS A PURCHASER OF A GOOD OR SERVICE FROM A
17 MERCHANT.

18 (D) “MERCHANT” MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE TRADE OR BUSINESS
19 OF THE SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES.

20 (E) ~~“TOTAL PRICE PRICE” MEANS THE PRICE AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE~~
21 ~~BY A CUSTOMER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR A GOOD OR SERVICE AFTER A~~
22 ~~MERCHANT:~~

23 (1) SUBTRACTS ANY DISCOUNT OR DEDUCTION; AND

24 (2) APPLIES ANY APPLICABLE TAX OR FEE; ~~AND~~

25 ~~(3) ROUNDS THE TRANSACTION CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE.~~

26 **1-602.**

27 **THIS SUBTITLE:**

1 **(1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A CASH TRANSACTION FOR A GOOD OR**
2 **SERVICE IN EXCHANGE FOR PAID WITH EXACT CHANGE; AND**

3 **(2) MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE A MERCHANT TO ROUND**
4 **A PRICE FOR A GOOD OR SERVICE IN A MANNER THAT ALTERS THE CALCULATION OF**
5 **ANY TAX OR FEE APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSACTION.**

6 **1-603.**

7 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

8 ~~**(1) THE PORTION OF THE PRICE OF AN IN-PERSON, CASH**~~
9 ~~**TRANSACTION IF THE PRICE TOTALS AT LEAST 5 CENTS; OR**~~

10 ~~**(2) OR**~~ **A TELEPHONE, MAIL, OR INTERNET TRANSACTION FOR**
11 **WHICH A CUSTOMER PAYS USING CASH IF THE PRICE TOTALS AT LEAST 5 CENTS.**

12 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A MERCHANT**
13 **DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE MAY:**

14 **(1) DETERMINE THE TOTAL PRICE OF ROUND THE PRICE FOR A GOOD**
15 ~~**OR SERVICE, AFTER SUBTRACTING ANY DISCOUNT OR DEDUCTION FROM THE PRICE**~~
16 ~~**AND APPLYING ANY APPLICABLE TAX OR FEE TO THE PRICE,**~~ **IN THE FOLLOWING**
17 **MANNER:**

18 **(I) IF THE PRICE ENDS IN 1 CENT, 2 CENTS, 6 CENTS, OR 7**
19 **CENTS, BY ROUNDING THE PRICE DOWN TO THE NEAREST CENT DIVISIBLE BY FIVE; OR**
20 **OR**

21 **(II) IF THE PRICE ENDS IN 3 CENTS, 4 CENTS, 8 CENTS, OR 9**
22 **CENTS, BY ROUNDING THE PRICE UP TO THE NEAREST CENT DIVISIBLE BY FIVE; OR**

23 **(2) ROUND THE AMOUNT OF CHANGE DUE TO A CUSTOMER UP OR**
24 **DOWN CONSISTENT WITH ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

25 **1-604.**

26 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

27 ~~**(1) THE PORTION OF THE PRICE OF AN IN-PERSON, CASH**~~
28 ~~**TRANSACTION IF THE PRICE TOTALS LESS THAN 5 CENTS; OR**~~

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
3 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
4 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
5 enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.