

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE SADDLER

Introduced: 1/26/26

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to rounding cash transactions to the nearest five cents."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 45.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 45.45.940. Cash transaction rounding.** (a) When processing a cash
5 transaction, a seller that rounds cash transactions to the nearest five cents shall
6 determine the total price of the transaction by first summing the price of the goods and
7 services being purchased, including discounts, then applying applicable sales or other
8 taxes, and then, when necessary to obtain a total divisible by five cents, rounding as
9 follows:

10 (1) if the total ends in one cent, two cents, six cents, or seven cents, the
11 total is rounded down to the nearest amount divisible by five cents;

12 (2) if the total ends in three cents, four cents, eight cents, or nine cents,
13 the total is rounded up to the nearest amount divisible by five cents.

14 (b) This section does not apply to transactions for which payment is made by
15 electronic funds transfer, money order, credit card, debit card, electronic payment, or

1 other similar payment method.

2 (c) A tax imposed by the state or a local government does not apply to a gain
3 or loss resulting from rounding.

4 (d) In this section, "seller" means a person who engages in the business of
5 selling, contracting for the sale of, or arranging for the sale of goods or services.