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Many low-income Californians don’t use credit cards. Should stores be required to accept cash?

Advocates for low-income residents say people who don't bank or use credit cards should still be able to purchase goods and services. California is the latest jurisdiction in the country where businesses may soon be prohibited from being cashless.

FULL STORY
California introduces law to stop delivery apps screwing over restaurants

Third-party food delivery is expected to grow, and yet, it is rife with problems. AB 2149 would require the apps to get permission from restaurants before listing a menu or brand on their platform. It would also require the apps to loop restaurants into important information about the customer. Read the news release here.

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News You Need to Know: Bill would improve third-party delivery

AB 2149, a bill just introduced by Asm. Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego, would be a big step toward improving third-party food delivery for restaurants and their customers. It does two things: require the delivery apps to loop the restaurant into important customer information and require the apps to get permission before they list a restaurant’s brand or menu on their platform.

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