

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 2, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating
 3 to inmate confinement, providing for feminine hygiene
 4 products.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5908. Feminine hygiene products.

10 (a) Issuance.--

11 (1) A supply of feminine hygiene products shall be
 12 provided to all incarcerated individuals and detainees in a
 13 correctional institution each month at no cost to the
 14 incarcerated individuals and detainees regardless of
 15 financial means, gender identity or expression. The
 16 correctional institution shall determine the quantity of
 17 products and the frequency with which the products shall be

1 provided to incarcerated individuals and detainees.

2 (2) Incarcerated individuals and detainees shall not be
3 required to show proof of need to receive the products.

4 (3) Incarcerated individuals and detainees shall not be
5 required to undergo a medical examination or obtain a medical
6 permit, authorization or diagnosis to receive the products.

7 (b) Products provided.--The following products shall be
8 distributed to all incarcerated individuals and detainees in a
9 correctional institution:

10 (1) A choice of at least two sizes or absorbencies of
11 sanitary pads, capable of absorbing at least five milliliters
12 of liquid each.

13 (2) A choice of at least two sizes of tampons, capable
14 of absorbing at least four milliliters of liquid each.

15 (c) Rules and regulations.--The correctional institution
16 shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement
17 and enforce the provisions of this section.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.