

HOUSE No. 565

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning feminine hygiene products in schools.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/14/2019</i> |
| <i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i> | <i>12th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i> | <i>17th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 565) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others relative to access to feminine hygiene products in certain public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act concerning feminine hygiene products in schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 at the end thereof the following section 68A:--

3 Section 2. For purposes of this section, “feminine hygiene products” means tampons and
4 sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

5 Section 3. All elementary and secondary public schools in the Commonwealth serving
6 students in any grade from grade six through grade twelve shall provide feminine hygiene
7 products in the restrooms of such school building or buildings. Such products shall be provided
8 at no charge to students. Such amount may be adjusted from time to time based on utilization.
9 School districts shall work to ensure that such products shall be available in a convenient manner
10 that does not stigmatize any student seeking such product.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect on August 1, 2020.