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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jay D. Livingstone and Christine P. Barber*

*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 to increase access to disposable menstrual products.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products.

*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 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 31. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
4 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Disposable menstrual products”, products used by a menstruating individual including,  
6 but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

7 “Menstruating individual”, a person who menstruates.

8 (b) Any provider of temporary housing assistance, including, but not be limited to, a  
9 family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel used for emergency shelter, an emergency apartment, a  
10 domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter or a safe house for refugees,  
11 shall provide disposable menstrual products at no cost to a menstruating individual. The

12 disposable menstrual products shall be available in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize  
13 the individual seeking such products.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
15 section 3 the following section:-

16 Section 3A. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
17 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

18 “Disposable menstrual products”, products used by a menstruating individual including,  
19 but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

20 “Menstruating individual”, a person who menstruates.

21 (b) Every primary and secondary school shall provide disposable menstrual products at  
22 no cost to students. The disposable menstrual products shall be available in a convenient manner  
23 that does not stigmatize the individual seeking such products, including, but not limited to, in  
24 restrooms for menstruating individuals.

25 SECTION 3. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
26 following section:-

27 Section 170. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
28 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

29 “Administrator”, the keeper of a lock-up facility under chapter 40, the superintendent of a  
30 correctional facility under chapter 125, a sheriff or special sheriff in charge of a jail, house of  
31 correction or regional lock-up facility under chapter 126, the colonel of state police and any other

32 official who oversees a facility used for the detention of persons arrested and held in custody or  
33 serving a sentence.

34 “Disposable menstrual products”, products used by a menstruating individual including,  
35 but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

36 “Menstruating individual”, a person who menstruates.

37 (b) The administrator shall provide disposable menstrual products to menstruating  
38 individuals held or housed in the facility overseen by the administrator at no cost. The disposable  
39 menstrual products shall be available in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize the  
40 individual seeking such products.