

SENATE No. 2640

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
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SENATE, October 9, 2025.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the Senate Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products (Senate, No. 2546), - reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2640).

For the committee,
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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 37. (a) For the purposes of this section, “disposable menstrual products” shall
4 mean products used to collect menstruation and vaginal discharge including, but not limited to,
5 sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

6 (b) Providers of family shelters pursuant to section 30 and similar shelter programs for
7 homeless individuals that receive funding through appropriations by the general court shall make
8 disposable menstrual products available at no cost to menstruating individuals in such shelters.

9 The disposable menstrual products shall be made available in readily accessible locations and in
10 a manner that minimizes any stigmatization of an individual seeking such products.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
12 section 36C the following section:-

13 Section 36D. (a) For the purposes of this section, “disposable menstrual products” shall
14 mean products used to collect menstruation and vaginal discharge including, but not limited to,
15 sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

16 (b) Notwithstanding section 27C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the keeper of a
17 lockup facility within a city or town or under the jurisdiction of the state police, state lockup
18 facility shall make disposable menstrual products available at no cost to menstruating individuals
19 at such facilities. The disposable menstrual products shall be available in readily accessible
20 locations and in a manner that minimizes any stigmatization of an individual seeking such
21 products.

22 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
23 section 3 the following section:-

24 Section 3A. (a) For the purposes of this section, “disposable menstrual products” shall
25 mean products used to collect menstruation and vaginal discharge including, but not limited to,
26 sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

27 (b) Notwithstanding section 27C of chapter 29 of the General Laws, every public
28 elementary and secondary school shall make disposable menstrual products available to
29 menstruating students at no cost. The disposable menstrual products shall be readily available
30 and in a manner that minimizes any stigmatization of an individual seeking such products.

31 SECTION 4. Chapter 125 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
32 following section:-

33 Section 22. (a) For the purposes of this section, “disposable menstrual products” shall
34 mean products used to collect menstruation and vaginal discharge including, but not limited to,
35 sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

36 (b) The superintendent of a correctional facility shall make disposable menstrual products
37 available at no cost to menstruating individuals at such facilities. The disposable menstrual
38 products shall be available in readily accessible locations and in a manner that minimizes any
39 stigmatization of an individual seeking such products.

40 SECTION 5. Chapter 126 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
41 following section:-

42 Section 41. (a) For the purposes of this section, “disposable menstrual products” shall
43 mean products used to collect menstruation and vaginal discharge including, but not limited to,
44 sanitary napkins, tampons and underwear liners.

45 (b) A sheriff shall make disposable menstrual products available at no cost to
46 menstruating individuals at houses of correction, county jails and regional lockup facilities for
47 whom such sheriff has custody or maintains control. The disposable menstrual products shall be
48 available in readily accessible locations and in a manner that minimizes any stigmatization of an
49 individual seeking such products.