

Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary

Bill No. H2390
Title: *An Act expanding access to hygiene products*
Sponsor: Representatives Mindy Domb and Marjorie C. Decker
Committee: Public Health
Hearing Date: June 11, 2025
Similar Matters: None
Prior History: New file
Reporting Deadline: August 10, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111I** pertains to the Women’s, Infants and Children (WIC) Program.

Summary: This legislation aims to address hygiene insecurity in Massachusetts by establishing a task force to evaluate the feasibility of allowing hygiene product purchases under the WIC program. The task force will assess current gaps, gather public input, and report findings and recommendations by January 1, 2027.

Chapter 111I of the M.G.L is amended by inserting a new section, Section 8:

Subsection (a) defines "hygiene insecurity" and "hygiene products."

Subsection (b) directs the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Department of Transitional Assistance, to establish a task force to explore the feasibility of allowing hygiene product purchases under the WIC program. This task force will include representatives from relevant state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and at least three WIC participants from diverse regions of the state.

Subsection (c) requires the task force to submit a report by January 1, 2027 to the House and Senate clerks, the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, the Joint Committee on Public Health, and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means. The report must provide an analysis of hygiene insecurity in the Commonwealth, a review of existing public programs addressing it, recommendations for addressing the issue, and an evaluation of including hygiene products as allowable WIC purchases.

Subsection (d) mandates the task force to accept public comments to inform its report.