

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to providing menstrual products at no cost to adults and children receiving temporary shelter

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 152-c of the social services law, as added by a
2 chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the social services law relating to
3 providing feminine hygiene products at no cost to adults and children
4 receiving temporary housing assistance, as proposed in legislative bills
5 numbers S. 6572 and A. 529-A, is amended to read as follows:

6 § 152-c. [~~Feminine hygiene~~] Menstrual products. Any provider of
7 temporary [~~housing assistance, which shall include but not be limited~~
8 ~~to, a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel, an emergency apart-~~
9 ~~ment, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter,~~
10 ~~or a safe house for refugees,~~] shelter that is reimbursed from state or
11 state-administered grants or funds shall be required to provide [~~femi-~~
12 ~~nine hygiene~~] an adequate number of menstrual products commensurate with
13 an individual's needs, including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins,
14 tampons and panty liners, at no cost to [~~menstruating~~] individuals
15 requiring such products. For purposes of this section, "temporary shel-
16 ter" shall include but not be limited to a family shelter, a shelter for
17 adults, a hotel, an emergency apartment, a domestic violence shelter, a
18 runaway and homeless youth shelter, or a safe house for refugees.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
20 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the social services law
21 relating to providing feminine hygiene products at no cost to adults and
22 children receiving temporary housing assistance, as proposed in legisla-
23 tive bills numbers S. 6572 and A.529-A, takes effect.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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