

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to providing feminine hygiene products at no cost to adults and children in homeless shelters

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2 461-u to read as follows:

3 § 461-u. Feminine hygiene products. Any shelter for adults, as defined  
4 in section two of this chapter, which is certified to provide, pursuant  
5 to this article, temporary residential services to adults or any facility  
6 which is operated by a municipality for the purpose of providing  
7 shelter and services to homeless single adults, excluding those located  
8 in a city with a population of one million or more, shall provide femi-  
9 nine hygiene products, including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins,  
10 tampons and panty liners, at no cost to menstruating individuals.

11 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 462 of the social services law is  
12 amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

13 (g) Such regulations shall provide that all facilities exercising care  
14 or custody of children or providing care or shelter to unmarried moth-  
15 ers, excluding those located in a city with a population of one million  
16 or more, shall provide feminine hygiene products including, but not  
17 limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners, at no cost to  
18 menstruating individuals.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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