Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 receiving temporary housing assistance

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 152-c to read as follows:

§ 152-c. Feminine hygiene products. Any provider of temporary housing assistance, which shall include but not be limited to, a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel, an emergency apartment, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, or a safe house for refugees, shall be required to provide feminine hygiene products, including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners, at no cost to menstruating individuals.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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