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:

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

§ 152-c. [~~Feminine hygiene~~] **Menstrual** 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,~~] **shelter that is reimbursed from state or state-administered grants or funds** shall be required to provide [~~feminine hygiene~~] **an adequate number of menstrual** products **commensurate with an individual's needs**, including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners, at no cost to [~~menstruating~~] individuals **requiring such products. For purposes of this section, "temporary shelter" 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**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the social services law relating to providing feminine hygiene products at no cost to adults and children receiving temporary housing assistance, as proposed in legislative 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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