STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to providing access to menstrual products in toilet facilities in certain public buildings

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

Section 1. The public buildings law is amended by adding a new section 147 to read as follows:

§ 147. Access to menstrual products in toilet facilities. 1. Menstrual products shall be provided at no cost, including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners in all female-designated and gender-neutral washrooms and toilet facilities in every covered public building.

2. Two years after the effective date of this section the commissioner of general services shall report to the governor and both houses of the legislature the following information including but not limited to:

i. the number of toilet facilities this section applies to;

ii. the cost of implementing the requirements of this section;

iii. the number of toilet facilities that required renovation to implement the requirements of this section;

iv. the total number of menstrual products purchased by the state, in relation to the implementation of this section, in the prior year; and

v. the total cost to the state to implement the requirements of this section.

3. For the purposes of this section "covered public building" shall mean a public building as defined in section two of this chapter, that is determined by the commissioner of general services to be open to the public. For purposes of this section "covered public building" shall not mean academic buildings, dormitories, and other facilities of the state university system.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

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

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