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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. FERNANDEZ, CLEARE, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the restriction of certain substances in menstrual products

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 399-aaaa of the
2 general business law, as added by chapter 362 of the laws of 2019, is
3 amended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

4 (b) "menstrual product" shall mean products used for the purpose of
5 catching menstruation and vaginal discharge, including but not limited
6 to tampons, pads, and menstrual cups. These products may be either
7 disposable or reusable[-];

8 (c) "restricted substance" shall mean an unsafe chemical for inclusion
9 in menstrual products as determined by the commissioner of health, which
10 shall include, but not be limited to, lead, mercury and related
11 compounds, formaldehyde, triclosan, toluene, talc, per- and polyfluoro-
12 alkyl substances, dibutyl phthalate, di(2)exylhexyl phthalate, butylphe-
13 nyl methylpropional and isobutyl-, isopropyl-, butyl-, and propylpara-
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15 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 399-aaaa of the general business law is
16 renumbered subdivision 5 and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as
17 follows:

18 4. No menstrual products distributed, sold or offered for sale in this
19 state, whether at retail or wholesale, for personal, professional or
20 commercial use, or distributed for promotional purposes, shall contain a
21 restricted substance or use such restricted substance as a fragrance,
22 colorant, dye, preservative or other intentionally added ingredient.

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

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1 § 3. This act shall take effect twelve months after it shall have
2 become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or
3 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
4 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
5 on or before such effective date.