

HOUSE No. 2354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone and Christine P. Barber

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters, and public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>

<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/23/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2021</i>

<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 2354

By Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2354) of Jay D. Livingstone, Christine P. Barber and others relative to access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters, and public schools. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters, and public schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 126 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 21 the following section:-

3 Section 21A. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following
4 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Menstruating individuals,” any person who menstruates.

6 “Disposable menstrual products,” products used by menstruating individuals including,
7 but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and underwear liners.

8 “Chief administrator,” the superintendent of a state prison facility under the jurisdiction
9 of the department of correction, the sheriff or special sheriff in charge of a jail, house of
10 correction or regional lock-up facility, the chief of police of a city or town, the colonel of the

11 state police, or the director of any other facility used for the detention of persons arrested and
12 held in custody or serving a sentence.

13 Section 21B. Disposable menstrual products shall be provided at no cost to individuals
14 who menstruate and who are housed in state prison facilities and county jails and houses of
15 correction used for the general confinement of individuals and in any other state or local facility
16 where menstruating individuals are detained or confined by law enforcement agencies.

17 The chief administrator of a state prison, jail, house of correction or other holding facility
18 shall work to ensure that such products shall be available in a convenient manner that does not
19 stigmatize any persons seeking such products.

20 SECTION 2. Chapter 121F is hereby amended by inserting after section 3 the following
21 section:-

22 Section 3A. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following
23 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

24 “Menstruating individuals,” any person who menstruates.

25 “Disposable menstrual products,” products used by menstruating individuals including,
26 but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and underwear liners.

27 Section 3B. Any provider of temporary housing assistance, which shall include but not be
28 limited to, a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel used for emergency shelter, an emergency
29 apartment, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, or a safe house for
30 refugees, shall be required to provide disposable menstrual products, including but not limited to,
31 sanitary napkins, tampons, and panty liners, at no cost to menstruating individuals. Such

32 products shall be available in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize any persons seeking
33 such products.

34 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 is hereby amended by adding, after section 3, the following new
35 section:-

36 Section 3A. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following
37 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

38 “Menstruating individuals,” any person who menstruates.

39 “Disposable menstrual products,” products used by menstruating individuals including,
40 but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and underwear liners.

41 All schools serving students in any grade from kindergarten through grade twelve shall
42 provide disposable menstrual products in all restrooms of such school building or buildings for
43 people who menstruate. Such products shall be provided at no charge to students. Such products
44 shall be available in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize any persons seeking such
45 products.