

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1971

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NURRENBERN.

4077H.04I

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 144 and 208, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to certain hygiene products.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 144 and 208, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 144.016 and 208.033, to read as follows:

144.016. 1. Beginning October 1, 2022, the tax levied and imposed under chapter 144 on all retail sales of feminine hygiene products and diapers shall be levied at a rate not exceeding the rate of sales tax levied on the retail sale of food.

2. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Diapers", absorbent garments worn by infants or toddlers who are not toilet-trained;

(2) "Feminine hygiene products", tampons, pads, liners, and cups.

208.033. If the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service creates and makes available to the states a waiver permitting recipients of the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) or women, infants, and children (WIC) benefits to use such benefits to purchase diapers or feminine hygiene products including, but not limited to, tampons, pads, liners, and cups, the department of social services or the department of health and senior services shall apply for the waiver. If the waiver is approved by the Department of Agriculture, the department shall adopt rules and make changes as necessary to implement the approved waiver.

✓

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.