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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - STATION HOUSES  
FOR WOMEN

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Kallman, Morgan, Euer, Mack, DiMario, Mendes,  
Cano, Valverde, Quezada, and Calkin

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 13-5 of the General Laws entitled "Station Houses for Women" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **13-5-11. Availability of feminine hygiene products.**

4 (a) Effective January 1, 2022, feminine hygiene products shall be made available to all  
5 inmates who menstruate at no cost to the inmate.

6 (b) For the purposes of this section, "feminine hygiene products" includes tampons and  
7 sanitary napkins.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 42-56 of the General Laws entitled "Corrections Department" is  
9 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

10 **42-56-43. Availability of Feminine hygiene products - department of corrections.**

11 (a) Effective January 1, 2022, feminine hygiene products shall be made available to all  
12 inmates who menstruate at no cost to the inmate.

13 (b) For the purposes of this section, "feminine hygiene products" includes tampons and  
14 sanitary napkins.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require that as of January 1, 2022, all inmates whom menstruate shall have
- 2           access to feminine hygiene products at no cost to the inmate.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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