

HOUSE BILL 1067

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By: **Delegates A. Miller, Dumais, Gutierrez, Morales, Queen, and K. Young**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Shelter Services for Homeless Women – Feminine Hygiene Products**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to make available to
4 local administering agencies for certain service providers and to certain service
5 providers a certain supply of feminine hygiene products for a certain purpose;
6 providing that certain feminine hygiene products be made available to certain
7 entities and to female residents in shelters for free; defining certain terms; and
8 generally relating to feminine hygiene products and shelter services for homeless
9 women.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Human Services

12 Section 6–441 to be under the new part “Part V. Homeless Women – Feminine
13 Hygiene Products”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Human Services**

19 **6–439. RESERVED.**

20 **6–440. RESERVED.**

21 **PART V. HOMELESS WOMEN – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS.**

22 **6–441.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) (1) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
2 **INDICATED.**

3 **(2) “FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS” MEANS TAMPONS AND**
4 **SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.**

5 **(3) “LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCY” MEANS THE AGENCY**
6 **DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO MANAGE THE**
7 **PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS**
8 **WOMEN – CRISIS SHELTER HOME PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE A SERVICE**
9 **DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACT WITH A SERVICE PROVIDER.**

10 **(4) “SERVICE PROVIDER” MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT**
11 **THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCY TO**
12 **PROVIDE SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.**

13 **(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL**
14 **ADMINISTERING AGENCIES FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO SERVICE PROVIDERS**
15 **A SUPPLY OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF**
16 **FEMALE RESIDENTS IN SHELTERS.**

17 **(2) THE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS PROVIDED UNDER**
18 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL**
19 **ADMINISTERING AGENCIES FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND**
20 **TO FEMALE RESIDENTS IN SHELTERS FOR FREE.**

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
22 **October 1, 2017.**