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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating  
3 to inmate confinement, providing for feminine hygiene  
4 products.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5908. Feminine hygiene products.

10 (a) Issuance.--

11 (1) A supply of feminine hygiene products shall be  
12 provided to all female inmates in a State correctional  
13 institution each month at no cost to the female inmates  
14 regardless of financial means. The department shall determine  
15 the quantity of products and the frequency with which they  
16 shall be provided to female inmates.

17 (2) Female inmates shall not be required to show proof

1 of need to receive the products.

2 (3) Female inmates shall not be required to undergo a  
3 medical examination or obtain a medical permit, authorization  
4 or diagnosis to receive the products.

5 (b) Products provided.--The following products shall be  
6 distributed to all female inmates in a State correctional  
7 institution:

8 (1) A choice of at least two sizes or absorbencies of  
9 sanitary pads, capable of absorbing at least five milliliters  
10 of liquid each.

11 (2) A choice of at least two sizes of tampons, capable  
12 of absorbing at least four milliliters of liquid each.

13 (c) Rules and regulations.--The department shall promulgate  
14 rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce the  
15 provisions of this section.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.