
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 850 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY PARKER, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, DALEY,
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D. WILLIAMS, HANBIDGE, CIRESI, SAMUELSON AND INNAMORATO,
APRIL 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 providing for waiver to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene
5 products.

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

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 438. Waiver to Purchase Diapers or Menstrual Hygiene
12 Products.--If the Food and Nutrition Service of the United
13 States Department of Agriculture creates and makes available to
14 the states a waiver permitting recipients of benefits provided
15 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or
16 the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants
17 and Children (WIC) to use their benefits to purchase diapers or

1 menstrual hygiene products, such as tampons, sanitary napkins or
2 feminine wipes, the department shall apply for the waiver. If
3 the United States Department of Agriculture approves the
4 department's waiver application, the department shall adopt
5 rules and make other changes as necessary to implement the
6 approved waiver.

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