

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 318

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEGROOT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapters 217 and 221, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the availability of feminine hygiene products to prisoners, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapters 217 and 221, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 217.199 and 221.065, to read as follows:

**217.199. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Appropriate quantity", an amount per day capable of satisfying the individual need of the offender if used for the feminine hygiene product's intended purpose;**

**(2) "Feminine hygiene products", tampons and sanitary napkins.**

**2. The director shall ensure that an appropriate quantity of feminine hygiene products are available at no cost to female offenders while confined in any correctional center of the department. The director shall ensure that the feminine hygiene products conform with applicable industry standards.**

**3. The general assembly may appropriate funds to assist the director in satisfying the requirements of this section.**

**221.065. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Appropriate quantity", an amount of feminine hygiene products per day capable of satisfying the individual need of the offender if used for the feminine hygiene product's intended purpose;**

**(2) "Feminine hygiene products", tampons and sanitary napkins.**

**2. Every sheriff and jailer who holds a person in custody pursuant to a writ or process or for a criminal offense shall ensure that an appropriate quantity of feminine**

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.

8 **hygiene products are available at no cost to female persons while in custody. The sheriff**  
9 **or jailer shall ensure that the feminine hygiene products conform with applicable industry**  
10 **standards.**

11 **3. The general assembly shall appropriate funds to assist sheriffs and jailers in**  
12 **satisfying the requirements of this section.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure women incarcerated or held  
2 in custody are able to address their basic health needs, the enactment of sections 217.199 and  
3 221.065 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
4 health, welfare, peace, and safety and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the  
5 meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of sections 217.199 and 221.065 of section A of  
6 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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