An Act To Ensure Comprehensive Access to Menstrual Products in
All Maine's Jails, County Correctional Facilities and State
Correctional and Detention Facilities

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1565 is enacted to read:

§1565. Menstrual products

Any female person incarcerated in a jail or other county correctional facility has a right to comprehensive access to menstrual products, including, but not limited to, sanitary pads, tampons and menstrual cups, provided without charge to the incarcerated person.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3031, sub-§§7 and 8, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §6, are amended to read:

7. Area for personal effects. A reasonably secure area for the maintenance of permitted personal effects; and

8. Visitation. A reasonable opportunity to visit with relatives and friends, in accordance with departmental policies and institutional procedures, provided that the department may restrict or prohibit visits when the restriction or prohibition is necessary for the security of the institution.; and

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3031, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Menstrual products. Comprehensive access to menstrual products, including, but not limited to, sanitary pads, tampons and menstrual cups, provided without charge to a female person residing in the correctional or detention facility.

SUMMARY

This bill adds to the rights of a person residing in a correctional or detention facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections the right to comprehensive access to menstrual products, including sanitary pads, tampons and menstrual cups, provided without charge to a female person residing in the correctional or detention facility.

This bill provides that any female person incarcerated in a jail or other county correctional facility has a right to comprehensive access to menstrual products, including, but not limited to, sanitary pads, tampons and menstrual cups, without charge to the incarcerated person.