

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0052
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Gray and Porter

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Ramos, Middleton, and President Cohen

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Assigned to: Labor and Workforce Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of
General Services, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Public School System, Housing
Authority of Baltimore City, Baltimore Convention Center, Office of the State's Attorney for
Baltimore City, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Office of the City Administrator

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

City Buildings – Provision of Menstrual Products

FOR the purpose of requiring municipal agencies to provide menstrual products free of cost under
certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the provision
menstrual products in buildings owned or leased by the City.

BY adding

Article - Health

Section 18-103

Baltimore City Revised Code

(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the
Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Revised Code

Article – Health

Title 18. Miscellaneous Regulations

§ 18-103. MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN CITY FACILITIES.

(A) *DEFINITIONS.*

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) ENTITY.

2 “ENTITY” MEANS A MUNICIPAL AGENCY, CONTRACTED ORGANIZATION, OR AN AGENT
3 ACTING AT THE DIRECTION OF OR ON BEHALF OF A MUNICIPAL AGENCY.

4 (3) MENSTRUAL PRODUCT.

5 “MENSTRUAL PRODUCT” MEANS A SANITARY NAPKIN, TAMPON, OR SIMILAR SANITARY
6 PRODUCT USED BY A MENSTRUATING INDIVIDUAL FOR HYGIENIC PURPOSES.

7 (4) *MUNICIPAL AGENCY*.

8 (i) *IN GENERAL*.

9 “MUNICIPAL AGENCY” MEANS ANY UNIT OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

10 (ii) *INCLUSIONS*.

11 “MUNICIPAL AGENCY” INCLUDES ALL DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, BOARDS AND
12 COMMISSIONS, AND PERSONS NOT EMBRACED IN A DEPARTMENT WHO EXERCISE
13 AUTHORITY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OR BUREAUS.

14 (5) PUBLIC RESTROOM.

15 (i) *IN GENERAL*.

16 “PUBLIC RESTROOM” MEANS A BATHROOM THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE IN
17 A BUILDING THAT IS EITHER OWNED OR LEASED BY AN ENTITY.

18 (ii) *INCLUSIONS*.

19 “PUBLIC RESTROOM” INCLUDES:

20 (A) A RESTROOM DESIGNATED FOR MEN;

21 (B) A RESTROOM DESIGNATED FOR WOMEN;

22 (C) A SINGLE-OCCUPANCY RESTROOM; AND

23 (D) A FAMILY USE RESTROOM.

24 (iii) *EXCLUSIONS*.

25 “PUBLIC RESTROOM” DOES NOT INCLUDE A PORTABLE RESTROOM OWNED, LEASED,
26 OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY AN ENTITY.

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1 (B) *REQUIREMENTS.*

2 AN ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING A PUBLIC RESTROOM:

3 (1) SHALL INSTALL AT LEAST 1 CONTAINER OR DISPENSER FOR MENSTRUAL HYGIENE
4 PRODUCTS IN EACH PUBLIC RESTROOM IN THE BUILDING;

5 (2) AS PART OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC RESTROOM, SHALL ENSURE THE
6 CONTAINER OR DISPENSER IS PROPERLY STOCKED WITH MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS;
7 AND

8 (3) MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR ACCESS TO THE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS
9 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

10 (C) *EXCEPTIONS.*

11 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY BUILDING OWNED OR LEASED BY AN ENTITY THAT
12 IS VACANT OR NOT IN REGULAR USE.

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
14 after the date it is enacted.