

House Bill 257

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Hutchinson of the 106th, and Hugley of the 141st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding health, so as to prohibit feminine hygiene products containing
3 restricted substances from being distributed, sold, or offered for sale in this state; to provide
4 for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Menstrual Product Protection Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
11 provisions regarding health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "31-1-25.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Feminine hygiene products' means tampons, pads, liners, cups, sponges, douches,
15 wipes, sprays, and similar products used in conjunction with respect to menstruation or
16 other genital-tract secretions.

17 (2) 'Restricted substance' means lead; mercury and related compounds; formaldehyde;
18 triclosan; toluene; talc; perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; dibutyl phthalate;
19 di(2)exylhexyl phthalate; and isobutyl-, isopropyl-, butyl-, and propylparaben.

20 (b) On and after July 1, 2024, no feminine hygiene products containing a restricted
21 substance or using a restricted substance as a fragrance, colorant, dye, preservative, or other
22 intentionally added ingredient shall be distributed, sold, or offered for sale in this state,
23 whether at retail or wholesale, for personal, professional, or commercial use, or distributed
24 for promotional purposes."

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.