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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS
ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, Lombardi, Ranglin-Vassell, Carson, and Ajello

Date Introduced: February 01, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-31 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Food, Drugs,
2 and Cosmetics Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **21-31-25. Findings and declarations.**

4 (a) Findings and declarations. The general assembly hereby finds and declares that Rhode
5 Island consumers have the right to know all the ingredients contained in the menstrual products
6 they purchase so they can make informed health-related purchasing decisions. Labeling is
7 necessary to ensure that Rhode Island consumers are fully and reliably informed about the
8 products they purchase and consume. Labels provide informed consent and prevent consumer
9 deception. In the United States, there is currently no federal or Rhode Island requirement that all
10 the ingredients contained in menstrual products be labeled.

11 (b) Labeling of menstrual products. Any menstrual product sold by a retail business in
12 this state, such as menstrual cups; scented, scented deodorized, or unscented menstrual pads or
13 tampons; therapeutic vaginal douche apparatuses; or obstetrical and gynecological devices
14 described in section 884.5400, 884.5425, 884.5435, 884.5460, 884.5470, or 884.5900 of title 21,
15 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), shall be deemed to be misbranded
16 under the provisions of this chapter unless it bears a label listing the name of each ingredient or
17 component of the device in order of the most predominant ingredient or component to the least
18 predominant ingredient or component.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would require that all menstrual products sold in the state bear a label listing the
2 name of each ingredient or component of the device in order of the most predominant ingredient
3 to the least predominant ingredient.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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