

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6608

To provide for the availability of menstrual hygiene products for homeless individuals under the Federal Emergency Management Agency emergency food and shelter grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2020

Ms. MENG (for herself and Mrs. BEATTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ Menstrual Equity For
5 The Homeless Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AVAILABILITY**
2 **FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS UNDER EMER-**
3 **GENCY FOOD AND SHELTER GRANT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 Subsection (a) of section 316 of the McKinney-Vento
6 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11346(a)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
11 the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(7) guidelines that ensure that amounts pro-
15 vided under the program to private nonprofit organi-
16 zations and local governments may be used to pro-
17 vide sanitary napkins and tampons, except that all
18 items provided shall conform to applicable industry
19 standards.”.

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