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SYNOPSIS
Requires ingredients of menstrual products to be listed on package.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

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AN ACT concerning menstrual products and supplementing

P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State

of New Jersey:

1. a. As used in this section:

“Ingredient” means a substance that is present in any quantity in

a menstrual product.

“Menstrual product” means a product used for the purpose of

catching menstruation and vaginal discharge, including but not

limited to a tampon, sanitary pad, and menstrual cup. The term

shall include both disposable and reusable products.

b. Every package or box containing menstrual products that is

sold or offered for sale in this State shall contain a label listing all

of the ingredients contained in the menstrual product and the

percentage of each ingredient. The information shall be displayed

in a manner that is conspicuous and easily understandable to

consumers.

c. It shall be an unlawful practice and a violation of P.L.1960,
c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.) to manufacture a package or box containing

menstrual products that does not meet the requirements of

subsection b. of this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the ingredients of menstrual products to be

listed on the package or box.

Under the provisions of this bill, every package or box of

menstrual products that is sold or offered for sale in this State is

required to contain a label listing all of the ingredients contained in

the menstrual product and the percentage of each ingredient. The

information is required to be displayed in a manner that is

conspicuous and easily understandable to consumers.

The bill provides that is an unlawful practice and a violation of

the consumer fraud act to manufacture a package or box of

menstrual products that does not meet the requirements set forth in

the bill.

Under the bill, “menstrual product” is defined as a product used

for the purpose of catching menstruation and vaginal discharge,

including but not limited to a tampon, sanitary pad, and menstrual

cup. The term includes both disposable and reusable products.

An unlawful practice under the consumer fraud act is punishable

by a monetary penalty of not more than $10,000 for a first offense

and not more than $20,000 for any subsequent offense. In addition,
violations may result in cease and desist orders issued by the Attorney General, the assessment of punitive damages, and the awarding of treble damages and costs to the injured party.