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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to including menstrual cups in the definition of feminine hygiene products and the provision of such products

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 1-112 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision 23 to read as follows:

23. “Feminine hygiene products.” Menstrual cups, tampons, and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 1-115 to read as follows:

§ 1-115 Feminine hygiene products. Any law, rule, order, or other document, or material created by the city which uses the term “feminine hygiene product” or “menstrual hygiene product” shall be deemed to include menstrual cups, tampons, pads, or any other products in relation to the menstrual cycle in the use of such term.

§ 3. Section 9-141 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by chapter 322 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 9-141 Feminine hygiene products. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Feminine hygiene products. The term “feminine hygiene products” means menstrual cups, tampons, and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

Menstrual cup. The term “menstrual cup” means a funnel-shaped device made of a reusable material such as silicone or rubber for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

b. Distribution of feminine hygiene products. All female incarcerated individuals in the custody of the department shall be provided, at the department’s expense, with feminine hygiene products as soon as practicable upon request. All female individuals arrested and detained in the custody of the department for at least 48 hours shall be provided, at the department’s expense, with feminine hygiene products as soon as practicable upon request. [For purposes of this section, “feminine hygiene products” means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.]

§ 4. The definition of “feminine hygiene products” set forth in subdivision a of section 12-207 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 83 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

Feminine hygiene products. The term “feminine hygiene products” means menstrual cups, tampons, and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

§ 5. Subdivision a of section 12-207 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 83 for the year 2016, is amended by adding a new definition of “menstrual cup” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Menstrual cup. The term “menstrual cup” means a funnel-shaped device made of a reusable material such as silicone or rubber for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

§ 6. This local law takes effect immediately.

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