

**NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10**

AN ACT that will increase the availability and affordability of feminine hygiene products for incarcerated individuals and cause the Department of Corrections to ensure that free and sufficient menstrual products are provided to women in state prisons.

Section 1: It was found that 54% of women in prison claim they do not get enough sanitary pads or tampons. Incarcerated women currently must pay almost five dollars for menstrual products when most are indigent and barely make a dollar a day. Female menstruation is a condition outside the control of women and should be provided the necessary materials for and not charged extra for.

Section 2: State and local prisons must allow for proper safety to be maintained amongst their inhabitants, something that isn't upheld with the current unhygienic feminine products provided to women. At the current rate, many women are likely to get dangerous conditions like toxic shock syndrome or sepsis, both of which can be fatal without proper treatment. In order to maintain the safety of their walls, state and local prisons must provide their prisoners with the necessary products to remain healthy.

Section 3: A variety of menstrual products can be used to aid the women who do not have access to them. Each prison that offers menstrual products provides both pads and tampons for exorbitant prices. Rather than having such prices, state prisons can utilize more than just pads and tampons through the usage of menstrual cups. Menstrual cups have been shown to cost less and could make up for the money needed to provide free hygienic products.

Section 4: Rather than having to improvise using toilet paper or other forms of unhygienic products that could potentially cause harm, women should be provided with free menstrual products through the usage of the money previously spent on the toilet paper used. In order to make up the cost for state prisons to provide menstrual products to their female prisoners, the money used for great amounts of toilet paper or other unhygienic alternatives that women utilize can instead go straight into funds for menstrual products.

Section 5: This act will be effective upon passage.

Signature of the Governor of Nevada Girls State

Date