

HOUSE BILL 1357

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ENROLLED BILL
— Health/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates Kaiser, Alston, Guyton, D. Jones, Kaufman, Lopez, Simmons, ~~and Wims~~ Wims, Bagnall, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kipke, Martinez, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, and Woorman**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection – Menstrual Hygiene Products – Labeling Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring manufacturers of menstrual hygiene products to include a
4 list of ingredients on each package of menstrual hygiene products sold in the State;
5 and generally relating to labeling of ingredients of menstrual hygiene products.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Commercial Law

8 Section 13–301(14)(xlvii)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2025 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

2 Article – Commercial Law
3 Section 13–301(14)(xlviii)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2025 Replacement Volume)

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Commercial Law
8 Section 13–301(14)(xlix) and 14–1330
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2025 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Commercial Law**

14 13–301.

15 Unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices include any:

16 (14) Violation of a provision of:

17 (xlvii) Title 14, Subtitle 50 of this article; [or]

18 (xlviii) Section 13–411.1(c)(2) of the Transportation Article; or

19 **(XLIX) SECTION 14–1330 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR**

20 **14–1330.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
22 **INDICATED.**

23 **(2) “CONFIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE” MEANS ANY INGREDIENT:**

24 **(I) FOR WHICH A CLAIM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S.**
25 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR INCLUSION ON THE CONFIDENTIAL**
26 **PORTION OF THE FEDERAL TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT CHEMICAL**
27 **SUBSTANCE INVENTORY;**

28 **(II) FOR WHICH THE MANUFACTURER OF THE MENSTRUAL**
29 **PRODUCT OR THE SUPPLIER OF THE INGREDIENT CLAIMS PROTECTION UNDER THE**
30 **FEDERAL DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT; OR**

1 (iii) THAT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE BY THE U. S.
 2 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION UNDER 21 C.F.R. § 170.30.

3 ~~(2) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION~~
 4 ~~OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.~~

5 ~~(2) (3)~~ "INGREDIENT" MEANS ANY INTENTIONALLY
 6 ~~INTENTIONALLY~~ ADDED SUBSTANCE IN A MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT THAT
 7 SERVES A TECHNICAL OR FUNCTIONAL PURPOSE IN THE FINISHED PRODUCT,
 8 INCLUDING ANY FRAGRANCE OR COLORING.

9 ~~(3) (4)~~ "MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT" MEANS A DISPOSABLE
 10 OR REUSABLE PRODUCT USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABSORBING OR CONTAINING
 11 ~~MENSTRUAL BLOOD AND TISSUE~~ MENSTRUATION OR VAGINAL DISCHARGE,
 12 INCLUDING SANITARY PADS, TAMPONS, AND MENSTRUAL CUPS.

13 (B) (1) ~~ON OR BEFORE~~ BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2028, A MANUFACTURER
 14 OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF ALL INGREDIENTS
 15 LISTED IN ORDER OF PREDOMINANCE AND DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY IN
 16 CONSPICUOUS TYPE ON EACH CONSUMER-FACING PACKAGE OF MENSTRUAL
 17 HYGIENE PRODUCTS SOLD IN THE STATE.

18 (2) A MANUFACTURER MAY LIST A PROPRIETARY INGREDIENT OR
 19 COMBINATION OF INGREDIENTS BY THEIR CONFIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE BY ITS
 20 COMMON NAME TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY.

21 ~~(c) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS:~~

22 ~~(1) AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE WITHIN THE~~
 23 ~~MEANING OF TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND~~

24 ~~(2) SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS~~
 25 ~~CONTAINED IN TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

26 ~~(c) (1) A MANUFACTURER THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO~~
 27 ~~A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.~~

28 ~~(2) THE DIVISION SHALL PAY ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED BY THE~~
 29 ~~DIVISION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE WITH~~
 30 ~~THE INTENT THAT THE PENALTIES BE USED TO FULLY OFFSET ANY COSTS INCURRED~~
 31 ~~BY THE DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SECTION.~~

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 33 October 1, 2026.