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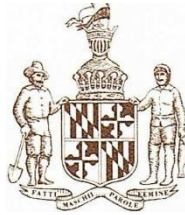
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**HB0941- Public Health – Public Buildings – Hygiene Products**

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Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee,

**House Bill 941** would expand public health protections by ensuring equitable access to basic menstrual hygiene products in public spaces across the state.

Public restrooms located in state buildings serve the public. While most restrooms are routinely stocked with products like soap, toilet paper, and water, access to sanitary pads and tampons remains inconsistent. It is not uncommon for girls and women to have an unexpected onset of their period, to discover that they don't have menstrual supplies to handle a leak, or experience some other bleeding emergency for which they are inadequately prepared. In these situations, a pharmacy or grocery store where menstrual supplies can be purchased are not always easily or timely available. At those moments of emergency, having ready access to tampons or pads is important and should not be limited by cost or ability to pay.

This legislation requires public restrooms in public buildings to include menstrual hygiene items in the routinely stocked supplies, along with water, soap, toilet paper, and towels or other mechanism for hand drying are not available, and waste containers. This bill applies specifically to state owned, leased, or operated buildings. The legislation is carefully tailored and avoids duplicating existing policies in educational settings, with primary and secondary schools excluded.

**HB941** reinforces Maryland's commitment to health, hygiene, dignity, and accessibility in public spaces.

I request a favorable report.

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