
BILL NO:	House Bill 1357
TITLE:	Consumer Protection – Menstrual Hygiene Products – Labeling Requirements
COMMITTEE:	Health
HEARING DATE:	March 03, 2026
POSITION:	SUPPORT

The Women's Law Center of Maryland is dedicated to ensuring the physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy of women throughout the State. Through direct legal services, policy advocacy, and education, we work closely with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as with the nonprofit organizations that serve them. Our work is grounded in the principle that women must have access to accurate information and the ability to make informed decisions about their own bodies.

The Women's Law Center of Maryland supports HB1357. This bill requires manufacturers of menstrual hygiene products sold in Maryland to include a list of ingredients on each package, displayed prominently and in order of predominance. The bill further provides that a violation constitutes an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act, subject to its civil and criminal penalties.

Access to clear and transparent ingredient information is essential to bodily autonomy and consumer protection. Menstrual hygiene products are used internally or in prolonged contact with the body, yet consumers often have no way of knowing what chemicals or materials they contain. HB1357 ensures that women and girls in Maryland can make healthy and informed choices about the products they use. Women have the right to know exactly what ingredients are in products that directly affect their health.

For these reasons, the Women's Law Center of Maryland respectfully urges the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB1357.

The Women's Law Center of Maryland is a non-profit legal services organization whose mission is to ensure the physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy of women in Maryland. Our mission is advanced through direct legal services, information and referral hotlines, and statewide advocacy.