

HOUSE BILL 1357

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By: **Delegates Kaiser, Alston, Guyton, D. Jones, Kaufman, Lopez, Simmons, and Wims**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2026

Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

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)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Commercial Law

13 Section 13–301(14)(xlviii)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2025 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Commercial Law

18 Section 13–301(14)(xlix) and 14–1330

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2025 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Commercial Law**

24 13–301.

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

2 (14) Violation of a provision of:

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

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

5 (XLIX) SECTION 14–1330 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR
6 14–1330.

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.

(2) “DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

9 ~~(2)~~ (3) “INGREDIENT” MEANS ANY INTENTIONALLY ADDED SUBSTANCE
10 IN A MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT THAT SERVES A TECHNICAL OR FUNCTIONAL PURPOSE.

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

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

(2) A MANUFACTURER MAY LIST A PROPRIETARY INGREDIENT OR COMBINATION OF
INGREDIENTS BY THEIR COMMON NAME TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY.

19 ~~(C)~~ ~~A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS:~~

20 ~~(1) AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE WITHIN THE~~
21 ~~MEANING OF TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND~~

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

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

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

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