

Chapter 241

(House Bill 1357)

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Menstrual Hygiene Products – Labeling Requirements

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlvii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlviii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlix) and 14–1330
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Commercial Law

13–301.

Unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices include any:

(14) Violation of a provision of:

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

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

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

14-1330.

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

(2) “CONFIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE” MEANS ANY INGREDIENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) (1) ~~ON OR BEFORE~~ BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2028, A ~~A~~ MANUFACTURER OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF ALL INGREDIENTS LISTED IN ORDER OF PREDOMINANCE AND 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 CONFIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE BY ITS COMMON NAME TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY.

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

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

~~(2) SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS 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.~~

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

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.