HB308

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By Representatives Hollis and Wadsworth

RFD: County and Municipal Government

First Read: 02-APR-19
A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Sections 14-3-44 and 14-6-19 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to items required to be provided to prisoners in a county jail or a state penitentiary; to further require the sheriff and the Department of Corrections to provide feminine hygiene products to female prisoners under certain conditions. For purposes of this Act feminine hygiene products shall be defined as followed: sanitary napkins and tampons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 14-3-44 and 14-6-19 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§14-3-44.

"(a) All convicts prisoners must be clothed during the term of their imprisonment in a comfortable manner in coarse and cheap clothing made in a uniform and peculiar style so as to distinguish them from other persons.

"(b) The Department of Corrections shall provide feminine hygiene products to female prisoners who are unable to provide them for themselves, at the expense of the
department, as soon as is practicable, upon request by the
female prisoner.

§14-6-19.

“Necessary clothing and bedding must be furnished by
the sheriff or jailer, at the expense of the county, to those
prisoners who are unable to provide them for themselves, and
also necessary medicines and medical attention to those who
are sick or injured, when they are unable to provide them for
themselves. The sheriff of a county shall provide to those
prisoners who are unable to provide them for themselves, at
the expense of the county, all of the following:

"(1) Necessary clothing and bedding.

"(2) Necessary medicine and medical attention to
those prisoners who are sick or injured.

"(3) Feminine hygiene products to female prisoners,
as soon as is practicable, upon request by the female
prisoner."

Section 2. This act shall become effective
immediately following its passage and approval by the
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.
House of Representatives

Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on County and Municipal Government................. 02-APR-19

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Yeas 101, Nays 0, Abstains 0

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Clerk