



SUPPORT

S. 3529/A. 5990 (Fernandez/Rosenthal)

An Act to amend the public health law, in relation to the regulation of ingredients in menstrual products.

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 3529/A. 5990 (Fernandez/Rosenthal), which would prohibit the use of certain restricted substances in menstrual products, and ban the use of such restricted substances as a fragrance, colorant, dye, preservation, or other intentionally added ingredient for the presentation of products.

Many feminine hygiene products, such as pads and tampons, contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which contribute to a range of health risks related to reproductive, fertility, and immune function. A menstruating individual in the United States uses on average about 16,000 menstrual products in a single lifetime. Since menstrual products are a necessity for hygiene, these individuals are constantly exposed to harmful chemicals and substances in menstrual products for prolonged periods of time throughout their life. This bill is crucial in ensuring the safety of New Yorkers who need to use menstrual products from being exposed to PFAS.

S. 3529/A. 5990 prohibits the use of PFAS chemicals in menstrual products but also will ban the inclusion of talc, lead, and mercury. Menstrual products are a necessity for so many New Yorkers and it is vitally important that we make sure these products are safe for all. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 3529/A. 5990.

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