

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6608

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2020

Ms. MENG (for herself and Mrs. BEATTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ Menstrual Equity For  
5 The Homeless Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AVAILABILITY**  
2 **FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS UNDER EMER-**  
3 **GENCY FOOD AND SHELTER GRANT PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 Subsection (a) of section 316 of the McKinney-Vento  
6 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11346(a)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the  
9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at  
11 the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
13 paragraph:

14 “(7) guidelines that ensure that amounts pro-  
15 vided under the program to private nonprofit organi-  
16 zations and local governments may be used to pro-  
17 vide sanitary napkins and tampons, except that all  
18 items provided shall conform to applicable industry  
19 standards.”.

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