

HOUSE BILL 129

By Love

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41,
relative to prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Correctional facility" means any jail, prison, penitentiary, juvenile institution, temporary holding center, or detention facility;

(2) "Custodian" means a warden, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or law enforcement officer; and

(3) "Healthcare products" include:

(A) Feminine hygiene products;

(B) Moisturizing soap that is not lye-based;

(C) Toothbrushes;

(D) Toothpaste; and

(E) Any other healthcare product a custodian deems appropriate.

(b) A custodian shall make healthcare products available to all women incarcerated in a correctional facility at no cost and in a quantity that is appropriate to the needs of the woman without a medical permit. Custodians shall not require that a woman be diagnosed with an illness to access healthcare products. Custodians shall make healthcare products available in housing units and in the medical area of a correctional facility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.