

1 HB308  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the sheriff of a county  
9 must provide certain items, at the expense of the  
10 county, to prisoners who are unable to provide  
11 those items for themselves and all prisoners in a  
12 state penitentiary must be provided clothing during  
13 their imprisonment.

14 This bill would further require the sheriff  
15 and the Department of Corrections to provide  
16 feminine hygiene products for all female prisoners  
17 who are unable to provide them for themselves under  
18 certain conditions.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 To amend Sections 14-3-44 and 14-6-19 of the Code of  
25 Alabama 1975, relating to items required to be provided to  
26 prisoners in a county jail or a state penitentiary; to further  
27 require the sheriff and the Department of Corrections to

1 provide feminine hygiene products to female prisoners under  
2 certain conditions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

6 "§14-3-44.

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

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

16 "§14-6-19.

17 "~~Necessary clothing and bedding must be furnished by~~  
18 ~~the sheriff or jailer, at the expense of the county, to those~~  
19 ~~prisoners who are unable to provide them for themselves, and~~  
20 ~~also necessary medicines and medical attention to those who~~  
21 ~~are sick or injured, when they are unable to provide them for~~  
22 ~~themselves.~~ The sheriff of a county shall provide to those  
23 prisoners who are unable to provide them for themselves, at  
24 the expense of the county, all of the following:

25 "(1) Necessary clothing and bedding.

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

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

4                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
5                   immediately following its passage and approval by the  
6                   Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.