

Mr. Cahoon of Chatham, petition of Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., relative to the penalty for the sale or distribution of certain feminine hygiene tampon-type devices composed in whole or in part of plastic or other nonbiodegradable material. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FEMININE HYGIENE TAMPON-TYPE DEVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting, after section 16A, the following section: —

3 . Section 16B. Whoever sells or offers for sale, at wholesale or
4 retail, or distributes any feminine hygiene tampon-type device, the
5 disposable applicator of which is composed, in whole or in part,
6 of plastic or other nonbiodegradable material shall be punished
7 by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five
8 thousand dollars for each offense.

9 The attorney general may, upon request of the commissioner
10 of the department of environmental management, bring action for
11 injunctive relief against any person violating a provision of this
12 act, and the superior court in equity shall have jurisdiction to
13 enjoin such violation and to grant such further relief as it may
14 deem appropriate.

