AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to requiring additional labels on certain microfiber clothing

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Article 37 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new title 9 to read as follows:

TITLE IX

SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MICROFIBER

Section 37-0901. Definitions.

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As used in this article:
1. "Clothing" means an article of apparel intended to be worn by a person, not including hats or shoes.
2. "Plastic microfiber" means a small synthetic particle that is fibrous in shape, less than five millimeters in length, and is released into water through the regular washing of textiles made from synthetic material.

§ 37-0903. Microfiber clothing label requirements.

1. Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-one, no person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation shall manufacture for sale any new clothing made from fabric that is composed of more than fifty percent synthetic material, if a care label is required for that clothing pursuant to part four hundred twenty-three of title sixteen of the code of federal regulations, without including on such care label, in addition to the care information and instructions required pursuant to such federal law, one of the following statements, as applicable:

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.
§ 37-0905. Preemption.
The provisions of this title shall preempt any ordinance or resolution of a municipality, county or any other local government entity relating to synthetic plastic microfiber.

§ 37-0907. Rules and regulations.
The department is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary to implement the provisions of this title.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.