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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring washing machines to meet certain filtration system requirements

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "washing
2 machine microfiber filter act".

3 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 396-
4 uu to read as follows:

5 § 396-uu. Washing machine filtration system requirements. 1. Defi-
6 initions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the
7 following meanings:

8 a. "Washing machine" means a clothes washing machine that is manufac-
9 tured after the effective date of this section and offered for sale in
10 the state on or after January first, two thousand twenty-six.

11 b. "Built in microfiber filtration system" means a filtration system
12 that is built into a newly manufactured washing machine and has a mesh
13 size of no greater than one hundred micrometers.

14 c. "In-line microfiber filtration system" means a filtration system
15 that is packaged, sold, and installed for use with a particular washing
16 machine and has a mesh size of no greater than one hundred micrometers.

17 2. Washing machine filtration system requirements. a. On and after
18 January first, two thousand twenty-six, all new washing machines offered
19 for sale in the state shall contain a built in or in-line microfiber
20 filtration system with a mesh size of not greater than one hundred
21 micrometers.

22 b. All washing machines sold in the state on or after January first,
23 two thousand twenty-six shall bear a conspicuous label that is visible
24 to the consumer, in the form of a sticker or any other label type, that
25 includes the following statement: "Notice: This washing machine contains

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 a filter to capture microfibers. Check the filter regularly and dispose
2 of captured lint in a waste bin."

3 3. Penalties. Any person that sells or offers for sale within the
4 state a washing machine that does not comply with paragraph a of subdi-
5 vision two of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of one
6 thousand dollars for each such washing machine sold or offered for sale.
7 Any person that sells within the state a washing machine that does not
8 comply with paragraph b of subdivision two of this section shall be
9 subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars for each such washing
10 machine sold in the state.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.