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Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, FERNANDEZ, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Protection in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to enacting the "washing machine microfiber filtration act"

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 filtration act".

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

5 § 396-uu. Sale of washing machines; microfiber filtration. 1. Defi-  
6 initions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the  
7 following meanings:

8 a. "Microfiber filtration system" means a filter or other feature, or  
9 a series of filters or other features, built into a washing machine or  
10 packaged, sold, and installed with a washing machine that removes from  
11 water used across all washing cycles ninety percent or more of fibers  
12 and microfibers that are one hundred micrometers or larger.

13 b. "Washing machine" means a machine designed and used for washing  
14 clothes and linen.

15 2. a. On and after January first, two thousand thirty, no new washing  
16 machines shall be offered for sale or sold in the state without a micro-  
17 fiber filtration system.

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

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1 b. All new washing machines sold for residential use in the state with  
2 a microfiber filtration system on or after January first, two thousand  
3 thirty shall bear a conspicuous sticker or other label that is visible  
4 to the consumer and that includes the following statement: "Notice: This  
5 washing machine includes a filtration system to capture microfibers."  
6 Such statement shall be followed by instructions regarding the manner  
7 and frequency with which the consumer should check the system's filters  
8 or other features and dispose of any fibers or microfibers captured.

9 c. All new washing machines sold for commercial use in the state with  
10 a microfiber filtration system on or after January first, two thousand  
11 thirty shall contain the sticker or other label described in paragraph b  
12 of this subdivision, however such sticker or other label may be placed  
13 in a location that is not visible to users of such commercial washing  
14 machine.

15 3. a. A manufacturer of a washing machine that is subject to the  
16 requirements of subdivision two of this section shall provide each  
17 person that offers such washing machine for sale or distribution in the  
18 state with a certificate of compliance stating that the washing machine  
19 is in compliance with the requirements of this section and contains a  
20 microfiber filtration system. A certificate of compliance provided  
21 pursuant to this subdivision shall be signed by an authorized official  
22 of the manufacturer. The certificate of compliance may be provided elec-  
23 tronically.

24 b. A distributor or retailer of a washing machine that is subject to  
25 the requirements of this section shall not be held in violation of this  
26 section if the distributor or retailer is not also the manufacturer of  
27 the washing machine and relied in good faith on the certificate of  
28 compliance provided by the manufacturer pursuant to paragraph a of this  
29 subdivision.

30 4. The department of environmental conservation may adopt any rules or  
31 regulations it deems necessary for the implementation of the provisions  
32 of this section, including standards and procedures for determining  
33 whether a washing machine is compliant with the provisions of this  
34 section.

35 5. Upon an action brought by the attorney general, a city attorney, a  
36 county counsel, or a district attorney, a person or entity that violates  
37 this section shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five  
38 hundred dollars for the first violation, and not to exceed one thousand  
39 dollars for each subsequent violation.

40 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.