

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 341**

LCO No. 2964

AN ACT CONCERNING CLOTHING FIBER POLLUTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2018,
2 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
3 consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, shall
4 convene a working group of representatives of the apparel industry
5 and the environmental community for the purpose of developing a
6 consumer awareness and education program concerning the presence
7 of synthetic microfibers in clothing. Such program shall include, but
8 not be limited to, consumer oriented information that explains the
9 process by which such microfibers are shed from clothing and are
10 dispersed in the state's waterways, best practices for consumers to
11 eliminate and reduce the disbursement of microfibers from clothing
12 into the waterways of the state and information on efforts that
13 members of the apparel industry, including, but not limited to, brand
14 labels, are undertaking to reduce or eliminate microfibers in clothing.
15 The working group shall include, but not be limited to, a
16 representative of each of the following organizations: (1) The
17 Sustainable Apparel Coalition, (2) the American Apparel and Footwear
18 Association, (3) the American Apparel and Producer's Network, (4)
19 Fashion Group International, (5) the National Retail Federation, (6) the
20 Council of Fashion Designers of America, and (7) Fashion Business,
21 Inc. Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Energy and
22 Environmental Protection shall, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
23 general statutes, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the

25 environment on the efforts of such working group and any related
26 recommendations for legislation concerning such consumer awareness
27 and education program and the reduction of microfibers in our state's
28 waterways.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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