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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2018,
4 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
5 consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, shall
6 convene a working group of representatives of the apparel industry
7 and the environmental community for the purpose of developing a
8 consumer awareness and education program concerning the presence
9 of synthetic microfibers in clothing. Such program shall include, but
10 not be limited to, consumer oriented information that explains the
11 process by which such microfibers are shed from clothing and are
12 dispersed in the state's waterways, best practices for consumers to
13 eliminate and reduce the disbursement of microfibers from clothing
14 into the waterways of the state and information on efforts that
15 members of the apparel industry, including, but not limited to, brand

16 labels, are undertaking to reduce or eliminate microfibers in clothing.
 17 The working group shall include, but not be limited to, a
 18 representative of each of the following organizations: (1) The
 19 Sustainable Apparel Coalition, (2) the American Apparel and Footwear
 20 Association, (3) the American Apparel and Producer's Network, (4)
 21 Fashion Group International, (5) the National Retail Federation, (6) the
 22 Council of Fashion Designers of America, (7) Fashion Business, Inc.,
 23 and (8) the Outdoor Industry Association. Not later than January 1,
 24 2019, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
 25 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, submit a
 26 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 27 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the efforts of
 28 such working group and any related recommendations for legislation
 29 concerning such consumer awareness and education program and the
 30 reduction of microfibers in our state's waterways."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section