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# Bill 83

**An Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act  
with respect to microfibre filters for washing machines**

**Co-sponsors:**

Ms J. Bell

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**Private Members' Bill**

1st Reading      March 21, 2023

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



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with respect to microfibre filters for washing machines**

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 The *Environmental Protection Act* is amended by adding the following section:**

**Prohibition, washing machine without microfibre filter**

**88.1** No person shall offer for sale or sell a washing machine that is not equipped with a filter for removing microfibres that has a maximum mesh size of 100 microns or such smaller mesh size as may be prescribed by Minister's regulation.

**2 The Act is amended by adding the following section:**

**Offence, s. 88.1**

**90** Despite the penalties set out in section 187, every person who contravenes section 88.1 is liable on conviction to a fine of,

- (a) in the case of an individual, a maximum fine of \$1,000 for the first unit sold or offered for sale without the required filter and of \$2,000 for each subsequent unit sold or offered for sale without the required filter; and
- (b) in the case of a corporation, a maximum fine of \$2,000 for the first unit sold or offered for sale without the required filter and of \$5,000 for each subsequent unit sold or offered for sale without the required filter.

**Commencement**

**3 This Act comes into force on the fifth anniversary of the day this Act receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**4 The short title of this Act is the *Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microfibre Filters for Washing Machines), 2023*.**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Environmental Protection Act* to prohibit the sale or offering for sale of washing machines that are not equipped with a specified microfibre filter and to provide for corresponding penalties in case of non-compliance with the requirement.