

By Senator Soto

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to oil and natural gas production or
3 recovery; creating s. 377.375, F.S.; defining the
4 terms "hydraulic fracturing" and "well stimulation
5 treatment"; prohibiting a person from engaging in
6 hydraulic fracturing or performing well stimulation
7 treatments in this state or the waters adjacent to
8 this state; prohibiting a person from disposing of
9 related materials and byproducts of hydraulic
10 fracturing or well stimulation treatments; providing
11 an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 377.375, Florida Statutes, is created to
16 read:

17 377.375 Oil and gas production or recovery; certain methods
18 prohibited.—

19 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

20 (a) "Hydraulic fracturing" means the process of pumping a
21 fluid into or under the surface of the ground in order to create
22 fractures in rock for the purpose of producing or recovering oil
23 or natural gas.

24 (b) "Well stimulation treatment" means any treatment of a
25 well designed to enhance oil and natural gas production or
26 recovery by increasing the permeability of the formation or the
27 flow of fluid through the well, including, but not limited to,
28 hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and acid matrix
29 stimulation.

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30 (2) PROHIBITIONS.—A person may not engage in:
31 (a) Hydraulic fracturing or perform well stimulation
32 treatments for the exploration or production of oil or natural
33 gas within the state or in the waters adjacent to the state.
34 (b) The disposal of related materials and byproducts of
35 hydraulic fracturing or well stimulation.
36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.