

HB 7029

2019

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fracking; amending s. 377.19, F.S.;
3 defining the term "fracking"; conforming a cross-
4 reference; creating s. 377.2405, F.S.; prohibiting
5 fracking; providing applicability of permits to drill
6 and operate wells; requiring well operators to provide
7 written notice to the Department of Environmental
8 Protection before performing specified activities;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (5) through (32) of section 377.19,
14 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through
15 (33), respectively, present subsection (5) is amended, and a new
16 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

17 377.19 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.06, 377.07, and
18 377.10-377.40, the term:

19 (5) "Fracking" means all stages of well intervention
20 performed by injecting high volumes of fluids at a high rate
21 into a rock formation at pressures at or exceeding the fracture
22 gradient of the rock formation in order to propagate fractures.
23 The term does not include techniques used for conventional well
24 stimulation or conventional workover procedures; techniques used
25 for routine well cleanout work, well maintenance, or removal of

26 | formation damage due to drilling or production; or conventional
 27 | acidizing techniques used to enhance, maintain, or restore the
 28 | natural permeability of the formation.

29 | (6)~~(5)~~ "Gas" means all natural gas, including casinghead
 30 | gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection
 31 | (16) ~~(15)~~.

32 | Section 2. Section 377.2405, Florida Statutes, is created
 33 | to read:

34 | 377.2405 Fracking; notification.-

35 | (1) PROHIBITION.-Fracking is prohibited in this state. A
 36 | permit for drilling or operating a well does not authorize
 37 | fracking.

38 | (2) NOTIFICATION.-An operator must provide written notice
 39 | to the department before using techniques for routine well
 40 | cleanout work, well maintenance, removal of formation damage due
 41 | to drilling or production, or enhancing, maintaining, or
 42 | restoring the natural permeability of the formation.

43 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.