

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 fluids into a rock formation at pressures
21 at or exceeding the fracture gradient of the rock formation in
22 order to propagate fractures. The term does not include
23 techniques used for conventional well stimulation or
24 conventional workover procedures; techniques used for routine
25 well cleanout work, well maintenance, or removal of formation

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