A bill to be entitled
An act relating to well stimulation; providing a short
title; amending s. 377.19, F.S.; defining the term
“extreme well stimulation”; creating s. 377.2405,
F.S.; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme
well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of
Environmental Protection from issuing permits that
authorize extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the
department from authorizing certain permitholders to
engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a
specified date; imposing a specified fine for
violations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the “Stop Fracking
Act.”

Section 2. Present subsections (4) through (32) of section
377.19, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)
through (33), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to
that section, and present subsection (5) of that section is
amended, to read:

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

(4) “Extreme well stimulation” means all stages of a well
intervention performed by injecting fluids into a rock formation
in order to propagate fractures in or dissolve the rock
formation to increase production at an oil or gas well by
improving the flow of hydrocarbons from the formation into the
wellbore. The term also includes, but is not limited to, acid fracturing, matrix acidizing, pneumatic fracturing, fracturing with dynamic loading, and other techniques the purpose of which is to physically deform the rock formation in such a manner as to significantly increase the flow of hydrocarbons from the formation into the wellbore. The term does not include routine well cleanout work; routine well maintenance; routine treatment for the purpose of removal of rock formation damage due to drilling or other well construction activity; any bottom hole pressure survey; any routine activity that does not affect the integrity of the well or the rock formation; the removal of scale or precipitate from well perforations, casing, or tubing; or a gravel pack treatment that does not exceed the formation fracture gradient.

(6) "Gas" means all natural gas, including casinghead gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection (15).

Section 3. Section 377.2405, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

377.2405 Well stimulation.—
(1) A person may not engage in extreme well stimulation in this state.
(2) The department may not issue an oil or gas drilling or operating permit authorizing extreme well stimulation.
(3) The department may not authorize any person holding a permit issued pursuant to this chapter or rules adopted thereunder to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after July 1, 2022.
(4) The department shall fix, impose, and collect a fine of
up to $50,000 for each offense from any person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency, or agent thereof, refusing to comply with or willfully violating this section or any rule or order prescribed by the department thereunder. Each day during any portion of which such violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.