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Establishes a moratorium on horizontal stimulation of 1  
oil and gas wells until the United States 2  
Environmental Protection Agency publishes a report 3  
containing the results of a study of the 4  
relationship of hydraulic fracturing to drinking 5  
water resources and the Chief of the Division of 6  
Oil and Gas Resources Management issues a report 7  
analyzing how Ohio's rules address issues raised 8  
in the USEPA report. 9

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) As used in this section, "well" and 10  
"stimulation of a well" have the same meanings as in section 11  
1509.01 of the Revised Code. 12

(B) Beginning on the effective date of this act, horizontal 13  
stimulation of a well shall not occur in this state until both of 14  
the following have occurred: 15

(1) The United States Environmental Protection Agency 16  
publishes a report that contains a study of the relationship of 17  
hydraulic fracturing to drinking water resources. 18

(2) The Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources 19  
Management has prepared and delivered a report to each member of 20

the General Assembly that analyzes how rules adopted by the Chief	21
under Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code address the issues	22
analyzed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in	23
the report referenced in division (B)(1) of this section.	24