



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Driehaus and Heard, Antonio, Fedor, Foley, Reece, Pillich

BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes a moratorium on horizontal stimulation of oil and gas wells until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a report on the relationship of hydraulic fracturing to drinking water resources and the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management issues a report on applicable Ohio rules.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill prohibits, beginning on its effective date, horizontal stimulation of a well in Ohio until both of the following have occurred:

(1) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a report that contains a study of the relationship of hydraulic fracturing to drinking water resources; and

(2) The Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management has prepared and delivered a report to each member of the General Assembly that analyzes how rules adopted by the Chief under the Oil and Gas Law address the issues analyzed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the above report.¹ Under current law, "stimulation of a well" is the process of enhancing well productivity, including hydraulic fracturing operations.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-12-11

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¹ Section 1.

² R.C. 1509.01(Z), not in the bill.