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KOON, McENENY, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to  
prohibiting the use of certain fracing solutions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a  
2     new section 23-0505 to read as follows:  
3     S 23-0505. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING; PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN FRACING  
4     SOLUTIONS.  
5     1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE  
6     FOLLOWING MEANINGS:  
7     A. "FRACING SOLUTION" SHALL MEAN A SUBSTANCE USED DURING HYDRAULIC  
8     FRACTURING WHICH IS INJECTED INTO ROCK FORMATIONS SURROUNDING OIL OR GAS  
9     DEPOSITS IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE ROCK AND FACILITATE THE EXTRACTION OF  
10    OIL OR GAS; AND  
11    B. "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING" SHALL MEAN A PROCESS USED TO CREATE FRAC-  
12    TURES THAT EXTEND FROM A BOREHOLE INTO ROCK FORMATIONS TO INCREASE OR  
13    RESTORE THE RATE AT WHICH OIL OR GAS MAY BE PRODUCED FROM A WELL.  
14    2. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, EVERY PERSON  
15    GRANTED A WELL PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-0501 OF THIS TITLE SHALL,  
16    DURING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, USE ONLY FRACING SOLUTION COMPOSED OF  
17    NATURAL AND ORGANIC MATERIALS. NO FRACING SOLUTION CONTAINING DIESEL,  
18    BENZENE, ETHIBENZENE, TOLUENE, XYLENE, OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE DETERMINED  
19    BY THE COMMISSIONER TO BE TOXIC SHALL BE USED DURING HYDRAULIC FRACTUR-  
20    ING ON OR AFTER SUCH DATE.  
21    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
22    it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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