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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to suspend hydraulic fracturing; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
2 there is hereby established a suspension of the issuance of new permits
3 for horizontal drilling which utilizes the practice of hydraulic frac-
4 turing in the state. The purpose of such suspension shall be to afford
5 the state and its residents the opportunity to continue the review and
6 analysis of the effects of hydraulic fracturing on water quality, air,
7 environmental, safety and public health.
8 (b) For the purposes of this section, "hydraulic fracturing" shall
9 mean fracturing of rock by man-made fluid-driven fracturing techniques
10 for the purpose of stimulating natural gas or oil well production.
11 (c) For the purposes of this section, "horizontal drilling" shall mean
12 a technique whereby a vertical wellbore is turned up to ninety degrees
13 and drills in a generally horizontal direction for the purpose of stimu-
14 lating natural gas or oil well production.
15 (d) This section shall not apply to permits issued prior to the effec-
16 tive date of this act for horizontal drilling operations which utilize
17 hydraulic fracturing that are subject to renewal.
18 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be
19 deemed repealed on June 1, 2011.

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

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