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Introduced by M. of A. SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the creation of a geographic information system-based display to provide high-volume hydraulic fracturing information

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

Section 1. Section 23-0309 of the environmental conservation law is renumbered section 23-0315 and a new section 23-0309 is added to read as follows:

S 23-0309. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM-BASED DISPLAY.

1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM-BASED DISPLAY, WHICH SHALL INDICATE THE LOCATIONS OF PERMITTED WELLS FOR HIGH-VOLUME HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS AND INTAKES, AND THE STAGE OF THE HIGH-VOLUME HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OPERATION FOR EACH PERMITTED WELL; INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF THE REQUIRED WATER FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FLUID THAT HAS BEEN ACCESSED AND STORED ON SITE, WHETHER HIGH-VOLUME HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IS IN PROGRESS, AND WHETHER GAS IS BEING COLLECTED.

2. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE UPDATED WEEKLY AND SHALL BE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

3. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HIGH-VOLUME HYDRAULIC FRACTURING" OR "(HVHF)" MEANS HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION USING GREATER THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE WELL IS VERTICAL, DIRECTIONAL OR HORIZONTAL.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.

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

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