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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the use of hydraulic fracturing and the disposal and/or processing of any fluid which was used in a hydraulic fracturing process

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 23-0501 of the
2 environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 4
3 to read as follows:
4 (4) "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING" MEANS FRACTURING OF ROCK BY MAN-MADE
5 FLUID-DRIVEN FRACTURING TECHNIQUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING
6 NATURAL GAS OR OIL WELL PRODUCTION. ANY FLUID USED IN SUCH A FRACTURING
7 TECHNIQUE SHALL BE DEEMED A "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FLUID", INCLUDING
8 WATER OR LIQUID PROPANE GAS.
9 S 2. Section 23-0305 of the environmental conservation law is amended
10 by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:
11 15. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A PERMIT FOR THE DRILLING OR OPERA-
12 TION OF ANY WELL PROPOSING TO USE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OR HYDRAULIC
13 FRACTURING FLUIDS, AS SUCH TERMS ARE DEFINED BY SUBPARAGRAPH FOUR OF

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

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1 PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 23-0501 OF THIS ARTICLE, FOR
2 THE EXTRACTION OF GAS AND/OR OIL.

3 S 3. Subdivision 3 of section 23-0501 of the environmental conserva-
4 tion law is renumbered subdivision 4 and a new subdivision 3 is added to
5 read as follows:

6 3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A PERMIT FOR THE DRILLING OR OPERA-
7 TION OF ANY WELL PROPOSING TO USE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OR HYDRAULIC
8 FRACTURING FLUIDS FOR THE EXTRACTION OF GAS AND/OR OIL.

9 S 4. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new
10 section 17-0513 to read as follows:

11 S 17-0513. PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTANCE, DISPOSAL AND/OR PROCESSING OF ANY
12 FLUID USED IN A HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PROCESS.

13 1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE
14 CONTRARY, THE ACCEPTANCE, DISPOSAL AND/OR PROCESSING OF ANY DRILLING
15 FLUIDS OR DRILL CUTTINGS IN THIS STATE, WHEN SUCH DRILLING FLUIDS OR
16 DRILL CUTTINGS HAVE BEEN USED IN A HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PROCESS, IS
17 PROHIBITED.

18 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

19 (A) "DRILLING FLUIDS" SHALL MEAN DRILLING MUD, CHEMICAL ADDITIVES
20 CONTAINED IN OR ADDED TO DRILLING FLUIDS DURING THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING
21 DRILLING PROCESS, FLOW BACK WATER THAT RETURNS TO THE SURFACE AFTER THE
22 HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PROCESS, OR ANY OTHER RESIDUAL LIQUIDS INVOLVED IN
23 DRILLING.

24 (B) "DRILL CUTTINGS" SHALL MEAN SOLID PRODUCTS REMOVED FROM THE WELL
25 BORE DURING AN OIL OR GAS WELL DRILLING OPERATION.

26 (C) "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING" SHALL MEAN THE FRACTURING OF ROCK BY
27 MAN-MADE FLUID-DRIVEN FRACTURING TECHNIQUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULAT-
28 ING NATURAL GAS OR OIL WELL PRODUCTION.

29 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.