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BUSH, LUPINACCI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environ-  
mental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to  
establishing a set-aside for power generated through the process of  
hydraulic fracturing

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 RESERVE.  
4     1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING" MEANS A PROC-  
5 ESS USED TO CREATE FRACTURES IN ROCK BY MAN-MADE FRACTURING TECHNIQUES  
6 FOR THE PURPOSES OF STIMULATING NATURAL GAS OR OIL WELL PRODUCTION.  
7     2. FOR ALL HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, TEN  
8 PERCENT OF NATURAL GAS OR WELL OIL PRODUCED AS THE RESULT OF SUCH PROC-  
9 ESS SHALL BE DIVERTED TO THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING RESERVE, ESTABLISHED  
10 IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION. THE CONTRIBUTION OF GAS OR WELL  
11 OIL MANDATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE AT NO COST TO THE STATE AND SHALL  
12 NOT BE REIMBURSED EXCEPT IN THE INCIDENTAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN TRANS-  
13 PORTATION OF SUCH GAS OR OIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.  
14     3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A RESERVE TO RECEIVE AND STORE  
15 NATURAL GAS AND WELL OIL PRODUCED AS A RESULT OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.  
16 SUCH RESERVE SHALL BE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE VARIOUS POWER AUTHOR-  
17 ITIES OF THE STATE. THE COMMISSIONER, IN HIS OR HER SOLE DISCRETION,  
18 SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE CONTENTS OF SUCH RESERVE PROVIDED:  
19     A. THE NATURAL GAS OR WELL OIL DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
20 USED EXCLUSIVELY BY POWER AUTHORITIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY;  
21 AND

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

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1 B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING  
2 THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE RESERVE AND SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE CONTENTS OF  
3 SUCH IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER.

4 4. ALL CONTRACTS AND PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE EXTRACTION OF NATURAL GAS  
5 AND WELL OIL THROUGH THE PROCESS OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING SHALL INCLUDE A  
6 CLAUSE THAT EXPLICITLY DETAILS THE OBLIGATION OF THE PRODUCER TO  
7 CONTRIBUTE TEN PERCENT OF SUCH PRODUCTION AND EXTRACTION TO THE RESERVE  
8 AT NO COST TO THE STATE.

9 5. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF  
10 THIS SECTION.

11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.