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STECK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, GLICK, RIVERA, THIELE --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to  
extraction of oil and gas; and to repeal section 23-0901 of such law  
relating to compulsory integration and utilization in oil and natural  
gas pools and fields

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 23-0301 of the environmental conservation law, as  
2 amended by chapter 410 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 § 23-0301. Declaration of policy.

5 ~~[It]~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the  
6 contrary, it is hereby declared to be in the public interest to regulate  
7 the development, production and utilization of natural resources of oil  
8 and gas in this state in such a manner as will ~~[prevent waste]~~ protect  
9 the environment and public health of the residents of the state, provide  
10 for the development and extraction of oil and gas in a sound environ-  
11 mental manner that prevents contamination of land and water resources,  
12 and provide for the environmentally sound management and disposal of  
13 waste products resulting from these extraction activities; to authorize  
14 and to provide for the operation and development of oil and gas proper-  
15 ties in such a manner that a greater ultimate recovery of oil and gas  
16 may be had~~[, and]~~ without creating additional harm or contamination to  
17 the environment, and that the correlative rights of all surface land and  
18 mineral rights owners and the rights of all persons including landowners  
19 and the general public may be fully protected~~[,]~~; and to provide in  
20 similar fashion for the underground storage of gas, the solution mining  
21 of salt and geothermal, stratigraphic and brine disposal wells.

22 § 2. Section 23-0901 of the environmental conservation law is  
23 REPEALED.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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