

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to well stimulation treatments;  
3 creating s. 377.2415, F.S.; prohibiting well  
4 stimulation treatments for the exploration or  
5 production of oil or natural gas; defining the term  
6 "well stimulation treatment"; providing an effective  
7 date.

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9 WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments can involve the use of  
10 hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be  
11 carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human health, and

12 WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation  
13 treatments may pose a widespread and significant risk to public  
14 health and safety and the environment, and

15 WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of  
16 substantial amounts of freshwater at a time when many Florida  
17 municipalities are struggling with the impacts that water  
18 scarcity may have in the state in the near future, and

19 WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may result in the  
20 emission of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and  
21 methane, all of which would further exacerbate climate change  
22 and its impacts to Florida's economy and environment, and

23 WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may harm wildlife,  
24 including species that are protected under federal and state  
25 endangered species laws, and

26 WHEREAS, the prohibition of well stimulation treatments

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27 will protect the public health and welfare of the state, NOW,  
28 THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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32 Section 1. Section 377.2415, Florida Statutes, is created  
33 to read:

34 377.2415 Prohibition of well stimulation treatments.-  
35 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may not  
36 perform well stimulation treatments for the exploration or  
37 production of oil or natural gas in this state. As used in this  
38 section, the term "well stimulation treatment" means any  
39 treatment of a well designed to enhance oil and gas production  
40 or recovery by increasing the permeability of the formation or  
41 the flow of fluid through the well, including, but not limited  
42 to, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and acid matrix  
43 stimulation.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2015.