

HOUSE BILL 296

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By: **Delegates S. Robinson, Arora, Conaway, Hucker, A. Kelly, Luedtke, and Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater – Prohibited Acts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from shipping or transporting into the State,
4 or storing, treating, discharging, or disposing of in the State, certain wastewater
5 resulting from certain hydraulic fracturing activities occurring in another state;
6 and generally relating to wastewater from hydraulic fracturing.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 9–293 to be under the new part “Part IX. Hydraulic Fracturing
10 Wastewater”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Environment**

16 **9–291. RESERVED.**

17 **9–292. RESERVED.**

18 **PART IX. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTEWATER.**

19 **9–293.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
2 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

3 **(2) “FLOW BACK” MEANS THE FRACTURING FLUIDS THAT**
4 **RETURN TO THE SURFACE AFTER A HYDRAULIC FRACTURE IS COMPLETED.**

5 **(3) “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” MEANS INJECTING FRACTURING**
6 **FLUIDS INTO A TARGET FORMATION AT A FORCE EXCEEDING THE PARTING**
7 **PRESSURE OF THE ROCK, INDUCING FRACTURES THROUGH WHICH OIL OR**
8 **NATURAL GAS CAN FLOW TO THE WELLBORE.**

9 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT SHIP OR TRANSPORT INTO THE STATE, OR**
10 **STORE, TREAT, DISCHARGE, OR DISPOSE OF IN THE STATE, FLOW BACK OR**
11 **OTHER WASTEWATER RESULTING FROM HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ACTIVITIES**
12 **OCCURRING IN ANOTHER STATE.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2012.