

HOUSE BILL 865

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Rural Residential Drinking Water Protection Act

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a certain permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas within a certain radius of a drinking water well or within a certain distance of a drinking water supply reservoir or certain surface water intake; and generally relating to the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 14-107.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

14-107.1.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF A WELL FOR THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS:

(1) WITHIN A RADIUS OF 3,280 FEET FROM A DRINKING WATER WELL; OR

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) WITHIN 3,280 FEET OF:

(I) A DRINKING WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR; OR

(II) A SURFACE WATER INTAKE ON A FLOWING STREAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.