

# HOUSE BILL 1387

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By: **Delegates Kramer and Fraser-Hidalgo**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of hydraulic fracturing for any purpose; establishing  
4 certain penalties; and generally relating to hydraulic fracturing.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – Criminal Law

7 Section 10–112.1

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Criminal Law**

13 **10–112.1.**

14 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” HAS THE MEANING  
15 STATED IN § 14–107.1 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

16 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT USE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR ANY PURPOSE.

17 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
18 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

19 (1) FOR A FIRST CONVICTION, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5  
20 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000; AND

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, IMPRISONMENT NOT**  
2 **EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000.**

3                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2017.