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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, 2016.