

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to advanced well stimulation
 3 treatment; amending s. 377.19, F.S.; defining the term
 4 "advanced well stimulation treatment"; conforming a
 5 cross-reference; creating s. 377.2405, F.S.;
 6 prohibiting the performance of advanced well
 7 stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for
 8 drilling or operating a well do not authorize the
 9 performance of advanced well stimulation treatments;
 10 providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Present subsections (1) through (32) are
 15 redesignated as subsections (2) through (33), respectively,
 16 present subsection (5) is amended, and a new subsection (1) is
 17 added to section 377.19, Florida Statutes, to read:

18 377.19 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.06, 377.07, and
 19 377.10–377.40, the term:

20 (1) "Advanced well stimulation treatment" means all stages
 21 of a well intervention performed by injecting fluids into a rock
 22 formation:

23 (a) At pressure that is at or exceeds the fracture
 24 gradient of the rock formation and the purpose or effect is to
 25 fracture the formation to increase production or recovery from

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26 an oil or gas well, such as hydraulic fracturing or acid
27 fracturing; or

28 (b) At pressure below the fracture gradient of the rock
29 formation and the purpose or effect is to dissolve the formation
30 to increase production or recovery from an oil or gas well, such
31 as matrix acidizing.

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33 The term does not include techniques used for routine well
34 cleanout work, well maintenance, or removal of formation damage
35 due to drilling or production, or acidizing techniques used to
36 maintain or restore the natural permeability of the formation
37 near the wellbore.

38 (6)~~(5)~~ "Gas" means all natural gas, including casinghead
39 gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection
40 (16)~~(15)~~.

41 Section 2. Section 377.2405, Florida Statutes, is created
42 to read:

43 377.2405 Advanced well stimulation treatments.-

44 (1) BAN.—The performance of advanced well stimulation
45 treatments is prohibited in this state. A permit for drilling or
46 operating a well does not authorize the performance of advanced
47 well stimulation treatments.

48 (2) APPLICABILITY.—This section only applies to wells
49 regulated pursuant to chapter 377.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.