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Senator Farmer moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1130 and 1131

insert:

Section 13. Subsection (8) is added to section 403.859,
Florida Statutes, to read:

403.859 Prohibited acts.—The following acts and the causing
thereof are prohibited and are violations of this act:

(8) The injection of fluids into a geologic formation that
is above or below or a part of the Floridan Aquifer system or
the Biscayne Aquifer when such injection is for the purpose of



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12 propagating fractures in or dissolving rock formations to
13 increase production at an oil or gas well by improving the flow
14 of hydrocarbons from the formation into the wellbore. However,
15 this subsection does not apply when such injection is performed
16 only for one or more of the following purposes:

17 (a) Routine well cleanout work or maintenance.

18 (b) Routine treatment for the purpose of removal of rock
19 formation damage due to drilling or other well construction
20 activity.

21 (c) Any bottom hole pressure survey.

22 (d) Any routine activity that does not affect the integrity
23 of the well or the rock formation.

24 (e) The removal of scale or precipitate from well
25 preparations, casing, or tubing.

26 (f) A gravel pack treatment that does not exceed the
27 formation fracture gradient.

28 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 403.860, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 403.860 Penalties and remedies.—

31 (1) A fine, not to exceed \$5,000 for each day in which a
32 violation occurs, may be imposed by a court of competent
33 jurisdiction on any person who violates s. 403.859(1), (2), (4),
34 (5), ~~or~~ (6), or (8).

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37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Between lines 81 and 82

39 insert:

40 amending s. 403.859, F.S.; prohibiting certain



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41 hydraulic fracturing in specified geologic formations;
42 providing exceptions; amending s. 403.860, F.S.;
43 providing a penalty for such unlawful hydraulic
44 fracturing;