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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) of section
15 377.19, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2)
16 through (33), respectively, present subsection (5) of that
17 section is amended, and a new subsection (1) is added to that
18 section, to read:

19 377.19 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.06, 377.07, and
20 377.10-377.40, the term:

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

24 (a) At a pressure that is at or exceeds the fracture
25 gradient of the rock formation and that has the purpose or
26 effect of fracturing the formation to increase production or
27 recovery from an oil or gas well, such as hydraulic fracturing
28 or acid fracturing; or

29 (b) At a pressure that is below the fracture gradient of

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30 the rock formation and that has the purpose or effect of
31 dissolving the formation to increase production or recovery from
32 an oil or gas well, such as matrix acidizing.

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

39 (6)-(5) "Gas" means all natural gas, including casinghead
40 gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection
41 (16) (15).

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

44 377.2405 Advanced well stimulation treatments.-

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

49 (2) APPLICABILITY.-This section applies only to wells
50 regulated pursuant to this chapter.

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