

HOUSE BILL 865

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Rural Residential Drinking Water**
3 **Protection Act**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a
5 certain permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or
6 production of natural gas within a certain radius of a drinking water well or
7 within a certain distance of a drinking water supply reservoir or certain surface
8 water intake; and generally relating to the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the
9 exploration or production of natural gas in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Environment

12 Section 14–107.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Environment**

18 **14–107.1.**

19 **THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR**
20 **THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF A WELL FOR THE EXPLORATION OR**
21 **PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS:**

22 **(1) WITHIN A RADIUS OF 3,280 FEET FROM A DRINKING WATER**
23 **WELL; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) WITHIN 3,280 FEET OF:**

2 **(I) A DRINKING WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR; OR**

3 **(II) A SURFACE WATER INTAKE ON A FLOWING STREAM.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2014.