

SENATE BILL 360

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SB 514/13 – EHE & FIN

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By: **Senators Zirkin, Montgomery, Brochin, Kelley, Ramirez, and Raskin**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a
4 well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State; defining a
5 certain term; and generally relating to hydraulic fracturing for the exploration
6 or production of natural gas.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 14–107.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 **14–107.1.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” MEANS A
17 DRILLING TECHNIQUE THAT EXPANDS EXISTING FRACTURES OR CREATES NEW
18 FRACTURES IN ROCK BY INJECTING FLUIDS, OFTEN A MIXTURE OF WATER AND
19 CHEMICALS, SAND, OR OTHER SUBSTANCES, AND OFTEN UNDER PRESSURE,
20 INTO OR UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE OF THE ROCK FOR PURPOSES THAT
21 INCLUDE WELL DRILLING AND THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL
22 GAS.

23 (2) “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” INCLUDES:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) FRACKING;**

2 **(II) HYDROFRACKING; AND**

3 **(III) HYDROFRACTURING.**

4 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF A**
5 **WELL FOR THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE.**

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