

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 449  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Protect Our Health and Communities” and substitute “Regulations”; in line 3, strike “prohibiting” and substitute “requiring”; in the same line, after “Environment” insert “to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; prohibiting certain regulations adopted by the Department from becoming effective until a certain date;”; strike beginning with “from” in line 3 down through “date;” in line 13; and in line 14, strike “oil or”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

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

**(2) “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” INCLUDES:**

**(I) FRACKING;**

**(II) HYDROFRACKING; AND**

**(III) HYDROFRACTURING.”;**

(Over)

strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 21 down through “**UNTIL:**” in line 24 and substitute “**ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2016, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF A WELL FOR THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE.**”; strike in their entirety lines 25 through 29, inclusive; and strike beginning with “**(1)**” in line 30 down through “**TO:**” in line 31 and substitute “**REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2017.**”.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 30, inclusive.