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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 449
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “date;” insert “exempting from the prohibition a certain area used as an underground gas storage field and any other well that is actively producing gas on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 12, strike “**THE**” and substitute “**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE**”; in lines 17 and 19, strike “**(C)**” and “**(D)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(D)**” and “**(E)**”, respectively; after line 19, insert:

“(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A PERMIT, OR ACCEPT AND REVIEW AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT, UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO AUTHORIZE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF:

(1) THE AREA LOCATED NEAR ACCIDENT, MARYLAND, THAT IS IN USE AS AN UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FIELD ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2015; AND

(2) ANY OTHER WELL THAT IS ACTIVELY PRODUCING GAS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2015.”;

and in line 20, strike “**(C)**” and substitute “**(D)**”.

On page 4, in line 16, strike “**(D)**” and substitute “**(E)**”.