

HOUSE BILL 196

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Ivey**

Requested: October 11, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Oil and Natural Gas Produced by Hydraulic Fracturing –**
3 **Prohibition on Exportation**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from exporting from the State oil or natural gas
5 produced by hydraulic fracturing; and generally relating to oil and natural gas
6 produced by hydraulic fracturing.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 14–107.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 14–107.1.

16 (a) In this section, “hydraulic fracturing” means a stimulation treatment
17 performed on oil and natural gas wells in low-permeability oil or natural gas reservoirs
18 through which specially engineered fluids are pumped at high pressure and rate into the
19 reservoir interval to be treated, causing fractures to open.

20 (b) A person may not:

21 **(1) [engage] ENGAGE** in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the
22 exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State; **OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) EXPORT FROM THE STATE OIL OR NATURAL GAS PRODUCED BY**
2 **HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.