

HOUSE BILL No. 1107

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-8-2; IC 14-37-3-8.

Synopsis: Hydraulic fracturing treatments. Defines "hydraulic fracturing" and "base fluid" for purposes of the law concerning oil and gas wells. Requires the natural resources commission, in regulating oil and gas wells, to adopt rules for the reporting and disclosure of hydraulic fracturing treatments.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2012]: **Sec. 19.5. "Base fluid", for purposes of IC 14-37-3-8,**
4 **means a fluid into which additives are mixed to form the hydraulic**
5 **fracturing fluid that transports proppants into a geologic**
6 **formation.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-128.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
8 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: **Sec. 128.4. "Hydraulic fracturing"**
10 **means the process of pumping fluids into a closed wellbore with**
11 **sufficient downhole pressure to crack or fracture the formation,**
12 **allowing the injection of a proppant into the fractures, thereby**
13 **creating a high-permeability plane through which fluids can flow.**

14 SECTION 3. IC 14-37-3-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 8. **(a)** The commission
16 shall regulate the stimulation and treatment of wells.

17 **(b) The commission shall adopt rules for the reporting and**



- 1 disclosure of information regarding hydraulic fracturing
2 treatment, including:
3 (1) the volume and source of base fluid used;
4 (2) a description of each additive product used in a hydraulic
5 fracturing treatment;
6 (3) the volume of each additive product used in a hydraulic
7 fracturing treatment expressed as a maximum percentage of
8 the total fracturing fluid volume;
9 (4) the maximum surface treating pressure and injection
10 treating pressure; and
11 (5) any other information the commission considers necessary.

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