

# HOUSE BILL No. 5978

October 19, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Sarah Roberts and Irwin and referred to the Committee on Energy Policy.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 61506d.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 61506D. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE AS A CONDITION  
2 OF A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZATION TO  
3 USE AN OIL OR GAS WELL FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING THAT THE PERMIT  
4 HOLDER IS PROHIBITED FROM INJECTING ANY WATER OR OTHER SUBSTANCE  
5 USED IN THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PROCESS INTO AN AQUIFER.

6           (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

7           (A) "AQUIFER" MEANS ANY WATER-BEARING BED OR STRATUM OF EARTH  
8 OR ROCK CAPABLE OF YIELDING GROUNDWATER TO A WATER WELL IN  
9 SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES THAT CAN BE WITHDRAWN.

1           (B) "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING" MEANS INJECTING SUBSTANCES  
2 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WATER, FLUIDS, CHEMICALS, FOAM, AND  
3 PROPPANTS INTO A WELL OR A ROCK FORMATION UNDER HIGH PRESSURE TO  
4 CREATE FRACTURES, FOR PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION, DRILLING,  
5 COMPLETION, OR PRODUCTION OF OIL, NATURAL GAS, OR HYDROCARBONS OR  
6 TO ENHANCE THE PRODUCTION OF OIL, NATURAL GAS, OR HYDROCARBONS.

7           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
8 after the date it is enacted into law.