A bill to be entitled
An act relating to well stimulation treatments;
creating s. 377.2415, F.S.; prohibiting well
stimulation treatments for the exploration or
production of oil or natural gas; defining the term
"well stimulation treatment"; providing an effective
date.

WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments can involve the use of
hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be
carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human health, and
WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation
treatments may pose a widespread and significant risk to public
health and safety and the environment, and
WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of
substantial amounts of freshwater at a time when many Florida
municipalities are struggling with the impacts that water
scarcity may have in the state in the near future, and
WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may result in the
emission of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and
methane, all of which would further exacerbate climate change
and its impacts to Florida's economy and environment, and
WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may harm wildlife,
including species that are protected under federal and state
endangered species laws, and
WHEREAS, the prohibition of well stimulation treatments
will protect the public health and welfare of the state, NOW,
THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 377.2415, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

377.2415 Prohibition of well stimulation treatments.—
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may not
perform well stimulation treatments for the exploration or
production of oil or natural gas in this state. As used in this
section, the term "well stimulation treatment" means any
treatment of a well designed to enhance oil and gas production
or recovery by increasing the permeability of the formation or
the flow of fluid through the well, including, but not limited
to, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and acid matrix
stimulation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2015.