A bill to be entitled
An act relating to fracking; amending s. 377.19, F.S.;
defining the term "fracking"; conforming a cross-
reference; creating s. 377.2405, F.S.; prohibiting the
performance of fracking; clarifying that permits for
drilling or operating a well do not authorize the
performance of fracking; requiring operators to notify
the Department of Environmental Protection prior to
using techniques for certain purposes; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (5) through (32) of section
377.19, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)
through (33), respectively, present subsection (5) is amended,
and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

377.19 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.06, 377.07, and
377.10-377.40, the term:

(5) "Fracking" means all stages of well intervention
performed by injecting high volumes of fluids at a high rate
into a rock formation at pressures at or exceeding the fracture
gradient of the rock formation in order to propagate fractures.
The term does not include techniques used for conventional well
stimulation or conventional workover procedures; techniques used
for routine well cleanout work, well maintenance, or removal of formation damage due to drilling or production; or conventional acidizing techniques used to enhance, maintain, or restore the natural permeability of the formation.

(6) "Gas" means all natural gas, including casinghead gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection (16).

Section 2. Section 377.2405, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

377.2405 Fracking; notification.

(1) PROHIBITION.-Fracking is prohibited in this state. A permit for drilling or operating a well does not authorize fracking.

(2) NOTIFICATION.-An operator must provide written notification to the department prior to using techniques for routine well cleanout work, well maintenance, removal of formation damage due to drilling or production, or enhancing, maintaining, or restoring the natural permeability of the formation.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.