

**Garrett-Allegany Marcellus Shale Coalition**

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**THERE ARE NO ACTION ALERTS AT THIS TIME.**

**CURRENT MARCELLUS LEGISLATION:**

**Key Senate Bills**

SB 513 Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater – Prohibited Acts: Sponsors: Sens. Montgomery, Benson, Kelley, King, Manno, Ramirez, Young and Zirkin. Synopsis: For the purpose of prohibiting a person from storing, treating, discharging or disposing of, in the State, certain wastewater resulting from hydraulic fracturing, defining certain terms, and generally relating to wastewater from hydraulic fracturing. Assigned to Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHEA). This 2 page bill is at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0513F.pdf>

SB 514 Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition: Sponsors: Sens. Montgomery, Benson, Kelley, Manno, Ramirez and Zirkin. Synopsis: For the purpose of prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State, defining a certain term, and generally relating to hydraulic fracturing for the exploration or production of natural gas. NOTE: Jointly assigned to Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (EHEA) and Finance (FIN). This 2 page bill is at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0514F.pdf>

SB 601 Maryland Hydraulic Fracturing Moratorium and Right to Know Act of 2013: Sponsors: Zirkin, Raskin, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, Pinsky and Ramirez. Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas until specified conditions are met; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources to issue a specified risk assessment at the same time a specified report is issued; authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish and collect a specified fee under specified circumstances; etc. Assigned to EHEA. This 2 page bill is at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0601F.pdf>

SB 766 Business Occupations – Oil and Gas Land Professionals – Registration Sponsor: Edwards Assigned to EHEA. Synopsis: prohibiting a person from operating as an oil or gas land professional in the State unless the person registers with and obtains a registration certificate from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring a person to register as a land professional in a specified manner; requiring the Department to assign a registration number and issue a registration certificate to a specified person; requiring a land professional to provide specified proof to a property owner before obtaining specified mineral rights; etc. The 4 page bill is at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0766F.pdf>

**Key House Bills**

HB 337 Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition Sponsor S. Robinson Assigned to Environmental Matters (ENV) NOTE: cross-filed with / see SB 514.

HB 341 Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater – Prohibited Acts Sponsor: S. Robinson – Assigned to ENV. NOTE: Cross-filed with / see SB 513.

**ON THE STREET:**

*Center Maryland* interviewed Drew Cobbs, Executive Director of the Maryland Petroleum Council and Director of the Eastern Region of the American Petroleum Institute. Interview at [:http://vimeo.com/58968354](http://vimeo.com/58968354)

Baltimore City Council voted unanimously to support passing a moratorium on fracking in Maryland: "The City Council is taking up this issue because it's clear that fracking can seriously impact not only the physical environment, but the health of entire communities," said Councilman Bill Henry. "We want to make sure that when the General Assembly makes their ultimate decision about fracking's future in Maryland, it won't be because they've been rushed, but because they have been fully informed about all of the potential risks."