

HOUSE BILL No. 2526

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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1 AN ACT concerning oil and gas; relating to regulation of hydraulic
2 fracturing; amending K.S.A. 55-152 and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 55-152 is hereby amended to read as follows: 55-
6 152. (a) The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations necessary
7 for the implementation of this act including provisions for the
8 construction, operation and abandonment of any well and the protection of
9 the usable water of this state from any actual or potential pollution from
10 any well. *The commission may also promulgate rules and regulations*
11 *necessary for the supervision and disclosure of any well on which a*
12 *hydraulic fracturing treatment is performed.* Any such rules and
13 regulations relating to wells providing cathodic protection to prevent
14 corrosion to lines shall not preempt existing standards and policies adopted
15 by the board of directors of a groundwater management district if such
16 standards and policies provide protection of fresh water to a degree equal
17 to or greater than that provided by such rules and regulations. No rules and
18 regulations promulgated pursuant to this section shall be adopted by the
19 commission until recommendations have been received from the advisory
20 committee established by K.S.A. 55-153, and amendments thereto.

21 (b) The commission annually shall review current drilling methods,
22 geologic formation standards, plugging techniques and casing and
23 cementing standards and materials. Based on such review, the
24 commission, if necessary, shall amend its rules and regulations to reflect
25 any changes to be made in such methods, standards, techniques and
26 materials from the previous year.

27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 55-152 is hereby repealed.

28 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
29 publication in the statute book.