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SUMMARY

- Prohibits the removal of oil or gas from under state lands via horizontal wells.
- Entitles the act as the “Protecting public Resources, Ecosystems, and Sensitive lands from Extraction, Violation, and Exploitation (PRESERVE) Act.”

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Prohibition against horizontal drilling under state land

The bill prohibits the extraction of oil and gas from and under any land owned or controlled by the state via a horizontal well. The bill does so by prohibiting the Director of Natural Resources or any other state authority from issuing any permit, making any lease, or otherwise granting authorization to undertake this type of extraction.¹

Under current law, a “horizontal well” is a well that is drilled for the production of oil or gas in which the wellbore reaches a horizontal or near horizontal position in the Point Pleasant, Utica, or Marcellus formation and the well is stimulated. Further, current law authorizes oil and gas to be extracted, including via a horizontal well, from and under state land through the Oil and Gas Land Management Commission.²

The bill entitles the act as the “Protecting public Resources, Ecosystems, and Sensitive lands from Extraction, Violation, and Exploitation (PRESERVE) Act.”³

¹ R.C. 1509.023.

² R.C. Chapter 155; R.C. 1509.01, not in the bill.

³ Section 2.

HISTORY

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