

Adopted 8/4- STRONGER Hydraulic fracturing review

Delegates Manchin, Fleischauer, Ireland, Anderson and Campbell move to amend the bill by inserting the following as a new section:

"§22-6A-*. Comprehensive regulatory review of state hydraulic fracturing regulations.

(a) No later than 60 days of the effective date of this article, the Secretary shall formally request that the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations, Inc. (STRONGER), a non-profit, multistate organization, conduct a comprehensive review of the State of West Virginia's laws and regulations pertaining to the drilling of horizontal wells and hydraulic fracturing in comparison to the 2010 Hydraulic Fracturing Guidelines developed by STRONGER, and present its report and associated findings and recommendations to the Legislature's Select Committee on Marcellus Shale Drilling and Development, on or before July 1, 2012."