



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 464

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(As Introduced)

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits an owner from stimulating an oil or gas well unless all methane gas released as a result of the stimulation is captured by the owner or the owner's authorized representative.
- Requires the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to adopt rules that are necessary to administer the bill.
- Requires an owner who elects to stimulate a well to do so in a manner that will not endanger ground water rather than underground sources of drinking water as in current law.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill prohibits an owner from stimulating an oil or gas well unless all methane gas released as a result of the stimulation is captured by the owner or the owner's authorized representative. Prior to well stimulation, the owner must provide sufficient evidence to the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management that all such methane gas will be captured.

The bill requires the Chief to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act establishing all of the following:

- (1) Standards of evidence to be used by an owner for the purpose of showing that all methane gas that will be released as a result of the proposed stimulation of a well will be captured;
- (2) Procedures for submitting the evidence required by the bill to the Chief; and

(3) Procedures to be utilized by the Chief to verify that an owner is in compliance with the bill and rules adopted under it.<sup>1</sup>

The bill also specifies that an owner who complies with the above provisions and who elects to stimulate a well must stimulate the well in a manner that will not endanger ground water. Current law instead requires an owner who elects to stimulate a well to do so in a manner that will not endanger underground sources of drinking water.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-28-12

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1509.19(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1509.19(B).