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An Act to Amend Chapter 342 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Petroleum Resources Act

CHAPTER 54
ACTS OF 2014

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

The Honourable Andrew Younger
Minister of Energy

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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of the Revised Statutes, 1989,
the Petroleum Resources Act**

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Chapter 342 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Petroleum Resources Act*, is amended by adding immediately after Section 11 the following Sections:

11A (1) In this Section and in clause 27(1)(ta), “high-volume hydraulic fracturing” means high-volume hydraulic fracturing as defined by the regulations.

(2) No person shall engage in high-volume hydraulic fracturing in shale formations unless exempted by the regulations for the purpose of testing or research.

11B (1) The Minister may review the prohibition under Section 11A.

(2) Where the Minister reviews the prohibition, the Minister shall consider the net benefit to Nova Scotians, taking into account

- (a) social issues;
- (b) economic issues;
- (c) health issues;
- (d) environmental issues;
- (e) scientific and technical issues;
- (f) regulatory effectiveness and efficiency; and
- (g) any other matter or thing that the Minister considers necessary or advisable.

2 Subsection 27(1) of Chapter 342, as amended by Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2000, is further amended by adding immediately after clause (t) the following clauses:

- (ta) defining high-volume hydraulic fracturing;
- (tb) providing, for the purpose of testing and research, exemptions from the prohibition on high-volume hydraulic fracturing, subject to such terms and conditions as are prescribed;

3 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.
