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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Prohibit Hydraulic Fracturing To
Prevent Threats to Maine's Drinking Water'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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Sec. 1. 38 MRSA c. 3, sub-c. 1, art. 10 is enacted to read:

ARTICLE 10

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

§ 490-WW. Definition

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, "hydraulic fracturing" means a stimulation technique used to increase production of oil and gas involving the injection of fluids under pressures great enough to fracture the oil-producing and gas-producing rock formations.

§ 490-XX. Prohibition on hydraulic fracturing

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person may not perform or cause to be performed hydraulic fracturing in the State.

§ 490-YY. Prohibition on importation of wastes from hydraulic fracturing

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person may not transport any hydraulic fracturing wastewater, waste product or by-product resulting from hydraulic fracturing exploration or production into the State for the purpose of treatment, discharge, disposal or storage.’

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the title, removes the emergency preamble and clause and replaces the bill. It prohibits hydraulic fracturing in the State and prohibits the transportation of hydraulic fracturing wastewater, waste products or by-products into the State for the purpose of treatment, discharge, disposal or storage.