

By Senator Steube

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Division of Historical  
3           Resources; amending s. 267.031, F.S.; revising  
4           provisions governing the division's responsibilities  
5           in issuing permits for survey, excavation, and salvage  
6           activities on state-owned lands or on state-owned  
7           sovereignty submerged lands; repealing s. 267.0625,  
8           F.S., relating to the abrogation of offensive and  
9           derogatory geographic place names; repealing s.  
10          267.115(9), F.S., relating to the division's  
11          authorization to implement a program for administering  
12          finds of artifacts from state-owned river bottoms;  
13          providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (5) of section  
18          267.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19           267.031 Division of Historical Resources; powers and  
20          duties.—

21           (5) It is the responsibility of the division to:

22           (n) Protect and administer historical resources abandoned  
23          on state-owned lands or on state-owned sovereignty submerged  
24          lands. The division may issue permits for survey and ~~exploration~~  
25          ~~activities to identify historical resources and may issue~~  
26          ~~permits for excavation and salvage activities to recover~~  
27          ~~historical resources. The division may issue permits for~~  
28          ~~archaeological~~ excavation activities for scientific or  
29          educational purposes on state-owned lands or on state-owned  
30          sovereignty submerged lands. The division may also issue permits  
31          for exploration and salvage of historic shipwreck sites by  
32          commercial salvors on state-owned sovereignty submerged lands.

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33 The division shall adopt rules to administer the issuance of  
34 permits for all such activities. In addition, the division shall  
35 adopt rules to administer the transfer of objects recovered by  
36 commercial salvors under permit in exchange for recovery  
37 services provided to the state.

38 Section 2. Section 267.0625 and subsection (9) of section  
39 267.115, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.