

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~~

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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.
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39 | 267.115, Florida Statutes, are repealed.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.