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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 22 - 49
and insert:

(9)(a) The division shall ~~may~~ implement a program to
administer the discovery finds of isolated historic or
archaeological artifacts from sovereignty submerged lands. The
program shall include, at a minimum:

1. An application for an annual permit and an application
fee of \$100.



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11 2. A written agreement to report all discovered and removed
12 artifacts to the division within 14 days after the discovery and
13 removal, along with a map indicating the location of the
14 discovery and photographs of the artifacts, and to allow the
15 division to inspect, analyze, and photograph any such artifacts.

16 3. A requirement that tools may not be used for the
17 excavation of any isolated artifacts, except that a trowel or
18 hand-held implement may be used to extract exposed artifacts
19 from a packed matrix in a river or lake bottom.

20 4. A map of clearly defined areas and sites that are
21 excluded from excavation activities. The map must be provided to
22 the applicant with the issuance of a permit.

23 5. Authorization to transfer ownership rights for
24 discovered artifacts to the permitholder.

25 6. Penalties for violations of program requirements,
26 including, but not limited to, an administrative fine of up to
27 \$1,000 and forfeiture of the permit and ownership rights for any
28 artifacts discovered under the program ~~state-owned river bottoms~~
29 ~~whereby the division may transfer ownership of such artifacts to~~
30 ~~the finder in exchange for information about the artifacts and~~
31 ~~the circumstances and location of their discovery.~~

32 (b) This subsection may not be construed to abrogate or
33 preempt federal law.

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35 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Delete line 8

38 and insert:

39 for construction; providing an effective date.