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

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

Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (5) of section
267.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
267.031 Division of Historical Resources; powers and
duties.—
(5) It is the responsibility of the division to:
(n) Protect and administer historical resources abandoned
on state-owned lands or on state-owned sovereignty submerged
lands. The division may issue permits for survey and exploration
activities to identify historical resources and may issue
permits for excavation and salvage activities to recover historical resources. The division may issue permits for archaeological excavation for scientific or educational purposes on state-owned lands or on state-owned sovereignty submerged lands. The division may also issue permits for exploration and salvage of historic shipwreck sites by commercial salvors on state-owned sovereignty submerged lands. The division shall adopt rules to administer the issuance of permits for all such activities. In addition, the division shall adopt rules to administer the transfer of objects recovered by commercial salvors under permit in exchange for recovery services provided to the state.

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 Section 267.0625 and subsection (9) of section 267.115, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

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