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**Senator Skindell  
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**A BILL**

To amend section 1505.07 of the Revised Code to ban  
the taking or removal of oil or natural gas from  
and under the bed of Lake Erie.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 1505.07 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1505.07.** (A) Subject to the ~~limitation~~ limitations  
set forth in division (B) of this section and in section 1505.08  
of the Revised Code, the director of natural resources, with the  
approval of the director of environmental protection, the  
attorney general, and the governor, may issue permits and make  
leases to parties making application for permission to take and  
remove sand, gravel, stone, and other minerals or substances  
from and under the bed of Lake Erie, either upon a royalty or  
rental basis, ~~as~~ the director of natural resources determines  
to be best for the state. Permits shall be issued for terms of  
not less than one year nor more than ten years, and leases shall  
be for a term of years or until the economic extraction of the  
mineral or other substance covered thereby has been completed.  
Such taking and removal shall be within certain fixed boundaries

that do not conflict with the rights of littoral owners. Upon 20  
request from the holder of a permit, it shall be canceled, but 21  
in the case of any permit or lease, any equipment or buildings 22  
owned by the permittee or lessee shall be held as security by 23  
the director of natural resources for payment of all rentals or 24  
royalties due the state at the time of cancellation. 25

(B) The director of natural resources shall not issue any 26  
permit or make any lease under division (A) of this section to 27  
take or remove oil or natural gas from and under the bed of Lake 28  
Erie. 29

(C) No person shall remove sand, gravel, stone, or other 30  
minerals or substances from and under the bed of Lake Erie 31  
without first obtaining a permit or lease therefor from the 32  
director. 33

(D) The director of ~~natural resources~~ may, in accordance 34  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt, amend, and rescind 35  
rules for the administration, implementation, and enforcement of 36  
this section. 37

**Section 2.** That existing section 1505.07 of the Revised 38  
Code is hereby repealed. 39