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BILL SUMMARY

- Bans the taking or removal of oil or natural gas from and under the bed of Lake Erie.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law authorizes the Director of Natural Resources, with the approval of the Director of Environmental Protection, the Attorney General, and the Governor, and subject to certain requirements, to issue permits and make leases to parties applying for permission to take and remove sand, gravel, stone, and other minerals or substances from and under the bed of Lake Erie, either on a rent or royalty basis, as the Director of Natural Resources determines to be best for the state (sec. 1505.07(A)). The bill creates an exception to this authority by prohibiting the Director of Natural Resources from issuing any permit or making any lease to take or remove oil or natural gas from and under the bed of Lake Erie (sec. 1505.07(B)).

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