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To amend section 1505.07 of the Revised Code to 1
authorize the Director of Natural Resources to 2
issues permits and make leases to take and remove 3
natural gas and oil from under the bed of Lake 4
Erie. 5

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

Section 1. That section 1505.07 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 1505.07. Subject to the limitation set forth in section 8
1505.08 of the Revised Code, the director of natural resources, 9
with the approval of the director of environmental protection, the 10
attorney general, and the governor, may issue permits and make 11
leases to parties making application for permission to take and 12
remove sand, gravel, stone, natural gas, oil, provided that the 13
surface location of an oil well is not located in the waters of 14
Lake Erie, and other minerals or substances from and under the bed 15

of Lake Erie, either upon a royalty or rental basis, as ~~he~~ the 16
director of natural resources determines to be best for the state. 17
Permits shall be issued for terms of not less than one year nor 18
more than ten years, and leases shall be for a term of years or 19
until the economic extraction of the mineral, natural gas, oil, or 20
other substance covered thereby has been completed. Such taking 21
and removal shall be within certain fixed boundaries that do not 22
conflict with the rights of littoral owners. Upon request from the 23
holder of a permit, it shall be canceled, but in the case of any 24
permit or lease, any equipment or buildings owned by the permittee 25
or lessee shall be held as security by the director of natural 26
resources for payment of all rentals or royalties due the state at 27
the time of cancellation. 28

No person shall remove sand, gravel, stone, natural gas, oil, 29
or other minerals or substances from and under the bed of Lake 30
Erie without first obtaining a permit or lease therefor from the 31
director. 32

The director of natural resources may, in accordance with 33
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt, amend, and rescind rules 34
for the administration, implementation, and enforcement of this 35
section. 36

Section 2. That existing section 1505.07 of the Revised Code 37
is hereby repealed. 38