

HB 752 -- Shipwreck Site Protection

Sponsor: Sutherland

This bill specifies that all historic shipwreck materials and other objects that have historic or archaeological value and have been abandoned on lands beneath navigable waters belong to the state and will be administered and protected by the Office of State Historic Preservation within the Department of Natural Resources. Any application for approval of regulated activities at a historic shipwreck site will include authorized written permission from any affected landowner allowing access both to and from sites on the property and any ground-disturbing activities on the property.