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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Skindell

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### SUMMARY

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

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill prohibits the Director of Natural Resources or any other state authority from issuing any permit or making any lease to take or remove oil or natural gas from and under the bed of Lake Erie.<sup>1</sup> Under current law, the Director of Natural Resources may issue permits and make leases to take sand, gravel, stone, and other minerals or substances from and under the bed of Lake Erie, provided approval is given by:

- The Governor;
- The Attorney General; and
- The Director of Environmental Protection.

The Director may issue the leases on either a rent or royalty basis, as the Director determines to be best for Ohio.<sup>2</sup>

### HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-11-21

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1505.07(B).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1505.07(A).