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**EXPLOITATION OF HUMAN
REMAINS IN SHIPWRECKS**

House Bill 5849

Sponsor: Rep. Pat Gagliardi

Committee: Tourism and Recreation

Complete to 5-13-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5849 AS INTRODUCED

House Bill 5849 would amend Part 761 of the Natural Resources and Environmental and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), which concerns Aboriginal Records and Antiquities. The bill would specify the following: "The legislature finds that the bottomlands of the Great Lakes where a human body or the remains of a human body are located is a human grave. A person shall not photograph a human body or the remains of a human body in a human grave except for scientific, medical, or law enforcement purposes." Further, the bill would prohibit the public display of a motion picture, photograph, or digital image of a human body or the remains of a human body located on the bottomlands of the Great Lakes.

A violation would be a felony, punishable by imprisonment for up to two years, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

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