

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.76108 Recovery of abandoned property without permit; report; availability of recovered property for inspection; release of property.**

Sec. 76108. (1) A person may recover abandoned property outside a Great Lakes bottomlands preserve without a permit if the abandoned property is not attached to, nor located on, in, or located in the immediate vicinity of and associated with a sunken aircraft or watercraft and if the abandoned property is recoverable by hand without mechanical or other assistance.

(2) A person who recovers abandoned property valued at more than \$10.00 without a permit pursuant to subsection (1) shall file a written report within 30 days after removal of the property with the department or the department of history, arts, and libraries if the property has been abandoned for more than 30 years. The written report shall list all recovered property that has been abandoned for more than 30 years and the location of the property at the time of recovery. For a period of 90 days after the report is filed, the person shall make the recovered property available to the department and the department of history, arts, and libraries for inspection at a location in this state. If the department of history, arts, and libraries determines that the recovered property does not have historical value, the department of history, arts, and libraries shall release the property to the person by means of a written instrument.

**History:** Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995;—Am. 2001, Act 75, Imd. Eff. July 24, 2001.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties relating to promotion of history and the preservation of the state's historical resources to the department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.

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