

SB 5205 - DIGEST

Declares an intent that those significant historic archaeological resources on state park lands that are of importance to the history of our state, or its communities, be protected for the people of the state. At the same time, the legislature also recognizes that the recreational use of metal detectors in state parks is a legitimate form of recreation that can be compatible with the protection of significant historic archaeological resources.

Provides that, if the commission determines that all developed or disturbed areas of a park must be exempted from metal detecting because of its historic archaeological resources, the commission must, by December 1, 2008, submit a brief report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature as to how they and a professional archaeologist made this determination.

Declares it is the intent of this act to not allow blanket exemptions but to ensure the preservation for the public of proven historic archaeological resources.