

INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, A RECOGNIZED SCIENTIFIC OR HISTORICAL INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION, OR THE TRUST.

5-628.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT EXCAVATE, REMOVE, DESTROY, INJURE, DEFACE, OR IN ANY MANNER DISTURB ANY BURIAL GROUNDS, HISTORIC OR PREHISTORIC RUINS, OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OR ANY PART OF ANY SUCH BURIAL GROUNDS, RUINS, OR SITE, INCLUDING RELICS, INSCRIPTIONS, SALTPETER WORKINGS, FOSSILS, BONES, REMAINS OF HISTORICAL HUMAN ACTIVITY, OR ANY OTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PREHISTORIC, AND HISTORIC FEATURES WHICH MAY BE FOUND IN ANY CAVE.

(B) (1) A PERSON TRAINED IN ARCHAEOLOGY MAY REQUEST A PERMIT FROM THE TRUST TO EXCAVATE OR REMOVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PREHISTORIC, AND HISTORIC FEATURES FROM A CAVE ON LAND THE STATE OWNS OR CONTROLS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERMITS FOR TERRESTRIAL SITES SET FORTH IN §§ 5-625 THROUGH 5-627 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) (I) A PERSON TRAINED IN ARCHAEOLOGY MAY REQUEST A PERMIT FROM THE TRUST TO EXCAVATE OR REMOVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PREHISTORIC, AND HISTORIC FEATURES FROM A CAVE ON PRIVATELY OWNED LAND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

1. THE PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 2 YEARS AND MAY BE RENEWED AT EXPIRATION.

2. THE PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE BUT DOES NOT PRECLUDE PERSONS FROM WORKING UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE PERSON HOLDING THE PERMIT.

3. A PERSON APPLYING FOR A PERMIT SHALL:

A. BE TRAINED IN ARCHAEOLOGY;

B. PROVIDE A DETAILED STATEMENT TO THE TRUST GIVING THE REASONS AND OBJECTIVES FOR EXCAVATION OR REMOVAL AND THE BENEFITS EXPECTED TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONTEMPLATED WORK;

C. AGREE TO PROVIDE DATA AND RESULTS TO THE TRUST OF ANY EXCAVATION, STUDY, OR COLLECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT;

D. OBTAIN THE PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE OWNER; AND