

By Senator Mayfield

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to permits for mangrove alteration and
3 trimming; amending s. 403.9328, F.S.; authorizing the
4 Department of Environmental Protection to issue
5 permits for mangrove alteration and trimming to the
6 owner of certain residential property; providing
7 conditions for issuance of such permits; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 403.9328,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 403.9328 Alteration and trimming of mangroves; permit
15 requirement.—

16 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
17 department may issue a permit for mangrove alteration or
18 trimming to the owner of a residential property of 5 acres or
19 less if:

20 (a) The mangroves to be altered or trimmed were originally
21 planted voluntarily by the owner;

22 (b) The alteration or trimming does not reduce the mangrove
23 coverage by more than 70 percent along the shoreline; and

24 (c) The owner demonstrates that new mangrove habitats are
25 being created along the shoreline.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.