

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to mangrove replanting and
 3 restoration; amending s. 403.9324, F.S.; requiring the
 4 Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules
 5 for mangrove replanting and restoration; providing
 6 requirements for the rules; providing an effective
 7 date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 403.9324,
 12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 403.9324 Mangrove protection rule; delegation of mangrove
 14 protection to local governments.—

15 (7) The department shall adopt rules for mangrove
 16 replanting and restoration. The rules must do all of the
 17 following:

18 (a) Address significant erosion in areas of critical state
 19 concern.

20 (b) Protect barrier and spoil islands.

21 (c) Assist Everglades restoration and Biscayne Bay
 22 revitalization efforts, including the development of living
 23 shoreline design options for the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve
 24 which are ecologically acceptable and consistent with s.
 25 258.397.

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26 (d) Promote public awareness of the value of mangroves
27 statewide and support mangrove education campaigns conducted by
28 local governmental entities.

29 (e) Identify vulnerable public and private properties
30 along the coastline and encourage partnerships with local
31 governmental entities to create local mangrove protection and
32 restoration zone programs for implementing the rules developed
33 by the department pursuant to this subsection.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.