

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
 23 mangrove coverage by more than 70 percent along the shoreline;
 24 and

25 (c) The owner demonstrates that new mangrove habitats are

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26 | being created along the shoreline.

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