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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Aronberg) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 594 - 609 and insert:

1. A penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation against any person who violates any provision of ss. 403.9321-403.9333 the contractor or agent of the owner or tenant that conducts mangrove trimming or alteration without a permit as required by s. 403.9328. However, for minor unauthorized trimming that otherwise would have qualified for a general permit under s. 403.9327 or that has only minimal or insignificant individual or 12

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cumulative adverse impacts on mangrove resources, the department shall assess a penalty of up to \$1,000 for the first offense. For purposes of this paragraph, the preparation or signing of a permit application by a person currently licensed under chapter 471 to practice as a professional engineer does shall not constitute a violation make that person an agent of the owner or tenant.

- 2. For major unauthorized trimming or a second or subsequent violation of subparagraph 1., an additional penalty of up to \$100 for each mangrove illegally trimmed and up to \$250 for each mangrove illegally altered, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.
- 3. For major unauthorized trimming or a second or subsequent violation of subparagraph 1. by a professional mangrove trimmer, an additional penalty of up to \$250 for each mangrove illegally trimmed or altered, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.