

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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### SB 148 Mangrove Protection by Senator Aronberg

Expands the penalty previously applicable to violations involving mangrove trimming or alteration to apply to any violation under the Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act. Clarifies the Department of Environmental Protection's authority to revoke a person's status as a professional mangrove trimmer.

Provides that the Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act does not authorize trimming on uninhabited islands that are publicly owned or on lands that are set aside for conservation and preservation or mitigation, except where necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare or to enhance public use of, or access to, conservation areas in accordance with approved management plans. (See bill for details)