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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require persons engaging in the business of cutting or uprooting aquatic plants in public waters to employ certain methods to ensure cut and uprooted plant matter is removed from these waters.

This bill would also provide criminal penalties for violating this requirement.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state waters; to require persons engaging in the business of cutting or uprooting aquatic plants in public waters to use certain methods to remove this plant matter; and to provide criminal penalties for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Any person engaging in the business of cutting, trimming, severing, or uprooting aquatic plants within public waters, as defined in Section 9-11-80, Code of Alabama 1975, shall employ commercially reasonable methods to remove any cut, trimmed, severed, or uprooted aquatic plant matter from public waters.

(b) (1) A person who violates this section shall be



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29 guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and shall be fined not less
30 than five hundred dollars (\$500) to be remitted to the primary
31 enforcing law enforcement agency.

32 (c) The Department of Conservation and Natural
33 Resources shall adopt rules to implement and administer this
34 section, including establishing commercially reasonable
35 methods of removing, cutting, trimming, severing, or uprooting
36 aquatic plants.

37 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
38 1, 2025.