

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 544

Short Title: Limited Shark Fishing Tournament Moratorium. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Miller.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Marine Resources and Aquaculture, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 3, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 15 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 113-192. Moratorium on certain shark fishing tournaments during tourist season.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or proclamation issued by the Marine Fisheries Commission, between May 1 and October 31 of each year, it is unlawful to take sharks as part of a recreational fishing tournament where the person landing the shark is on the shore or on a structure attached to the shore of Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Kure Beach, Oak Island, or Bald Head Island."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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