

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE BILL 526**

Short Title: Wrightsville Bch. Turtle Sanctuary.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives McComas; Rayfield and Watson.

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Referred to: Ways and Means.

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March 18, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO CREATE  
A SEA TURTLE SANCTUARY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Town of Wrightsville Beach may create and establish a sea turtle sanctuary within the areas of the town limits above the mean low watermark, to include the foreshore. Any ordinance adopted by the town to regulate activities within the sea turtle sanctuary which may or will disturb or destroy a sea turtle, a sea turtle nest, or sea turtle eggs must be consistent with the ordinance powers found in G.S. 160A-174, G.S. 160A-308, and any other law. The ordinance adopted by the town may by cross-reference incorporate the criminal statutes regarding the taking of sea turtles at G.S. 113-189 and G.S. 113-337. It shall be unlawful for any person within the sea turtle sanctuary to disturb or destroy a sea turtle, a sea turtle nest, or sea turtle eggs in violation of an ordinance adopted by the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.