

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

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**SENATE BILL 229**

Short Title: Ocean Isle Beach/Sea Turtle Sanctuary. (Local)

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Sponsors: Senator Rabon (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: State and Local Government.

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March 11, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH TO CREATE A SEA  
2 TURTLE SANCTUARY.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

