

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 125  
HOUSE BILL 436

AN ACT TO ALLOW NEW HANOVER COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF CAPE  
CARTERET TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL  
WATERCRAFT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A county may adopt ordinances to regulate personal watercraft operation in the Atlantic Ocean and other waterways adjacent to that portion of the county within its boundaries or within its territorial jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. G.S. 160A-176.2 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 160A-176.2. Ordinances effective in Atlantic Ocean.**

(a) A city may adopt ordinances to regulate and control swimming, personal watercraft operation, surfing and littering in the Atlantic Ocean and other waterways adjacent to that portion of the city within its boundaries or within its extraterritorial jurisdiction; provided, however, nothing contained herein shall be construed to permit any city to prohibit altogether swimming or surfing or to make these activities unlawful.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section applies to the Towns of Atlantic Beach, Cape Carteret, Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach, Emerald Isle, Holden Beach, Long Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, Topsail Beach, Wrightsville Beach, and Yaupon Beach only."

Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act applies only to New Hanover County.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of June, 1993.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives