

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1991

CHAPTER 794
HOUSE BILL 1470

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNS OF HOLDEN BEACH, SUNSET BEACH,
LONG BEACH, TOPSAIL BEACH, NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH AND SURF
CITY TO CREATE SEA TURTLE SANCTUARIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The towns of Holden Beach, Sunset Beach, Long Beach, Topsail Beach, North Topsail Beach and Surf City may each create and establish sea turtle sanctuaries within the areas of the town limits above the mean low watermark, to include the foreshore. Any ordinance adopted by the towns to regulate activities within the sea turtle sanctuaries 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 ordinances adopted by each 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 sanctuaries to disturb or destroy a sea turtle, a sea turtle nest, or sea turtle eggs in violation of an ordinance adopted by the towns of Holden Beach, Sunset Beach, Long Beach, Topsail Beach, North Topsail Beach and Surf City.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 1992.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives