

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 494
HOUSE BILL 587

AN ACT TO ALLOW ATLANTIC BEACH, CAROLINA BEACH, CASWELL BEACH, HOLDEN BEACH, LONG BEACH, OCEAN ISLE BEACH, SUNSET BEACH, TOPSAIL BEACH, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, AND YAUPON BEACH TO REGULATE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION, AND TO AUTHORIZE REGULATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION IN LAKE NORMAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-176.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"(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 and surfing or to make these activities unlawful."

Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act applies to the Towns of Atlantic Beach, Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Long Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, Topsail Beach, Wrightsville Beach, and Yaupon Beach only.

Sec. 3. Section 8 of Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws, being an act establishing the Lake Norman Marine Commission, is amended by adding a new sentence to read:

"Under authorization of a joint resolution, and subject to the limitations of this section, the Commission may regulate personal watercraft operation in Lake Norman and from its shoreline."

Sec. 4. In addition to other authority granted by law, the Towns of Davidson and Cornelius may regulate personal watercraft operation within their respective corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction in Lake Norman and from its shoreline.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives