

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-91  
HOUSE BILL 526

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.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of May, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives