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HOUSE BILL 544: Limited Shark Fishing Tournament Moratorium.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee: House Marine Resources and Aquaculture. If **Date:** April 26, 2023
favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and
Operations of the House

Introduced by: Rep. Miller **Prepared by:** Kyle Evans

Analysis of: First Edition **Committee Counsel**

OVERVIEW: House Bill 544 would make it unlawful for a person, between May 1 and October 31 of each year, to take sharks as part of a recreational fishing tournament where the person landing the shark is on the shore or on a structure attached to the shore of Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Kure Beach, Oak Island, or Bald Head Island.

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Article 15 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes governs the regulation of coastal fisheries. Pursuant to G.S. 113-135, violations of the Article are punishable by a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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