



HOUSE BILL 544: Limited Shark Fishing Tournament Moratorium.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 27, 2023
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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, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, 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 July 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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