

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 126
HOUSE BILL 612

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BRUNSWICK COUNTY TO CREATE A SEA TURTLE
SANCTUARY ON THE SMITH ISLAND COMPLEX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The County of Brunswick may create and establish a sea turtle sanctuary within the area known as the Smith Island Complex, which is the area made up of Bluff, Middle, and Bald Head Islands. The sanctuary may include the areas of those islands above the mean low water mark to include the foreshore. Any ordinance adopted by the county 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 county 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 such an ordinance adopted by Brunswick County.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of May, 1989.