

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 59
HOUSE BILL 604

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH TO REGULATE AND
CONTROL DEBRIS AND OTHER MATERIALS RESULTING FROM
BOATING ACCIDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A town may adopt ordinances to provide for the removal of debris and other material resulting from boating collisions or other boating accidents occurring in the Atlantic Ocean or in the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to the town, to the extent that the debris or other material threatens the public safety and exists within the town's boundaries or within its extraterritorial jurisdiction. An ordinance enacted pursuant to this act may require the owner, lessee, or other responsible party to remove all debris or other material resulting from a collision or other accident involving the boat in a prompt and reasonable manner. Such an ordinance may also provide that if the responsible party fails or refuses to comply within a specified time, the town may summarily remove the debris or other material at the expense of the responsible party. The ordinance may also provide that if not paid, the expense shall be a lien upon any property owned by the responsible party that is situated within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction, including any salvageable material remaining from the boating collision or boating accident, and may be collected as unpaid taxes.

Sec. 2. This act applies only to the Town of Sunset Beach.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of May, 1995.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives