

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 539  
HOUSE BILL 520

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES TO REGULATE ACTIVITIES IN THE  
ATLANTIC OCEAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 160A-176.1. **Ordinances effective in Atlantic Ocean.** – A city may adopt ordinances to regulate and control swimming, surfing and littering in the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to that portion of the city within its boundaries or within its extraterritorial jurisdiction; provided, however, nothing contained herein shall be construed to permit any city to prohibit altogether swimming and surfing or to make these activities unlawful."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall apply only to cities in the counties of Brunswick, Carteret, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender.

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of May, 1973.