

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 873  
HOUSE BILL 1273

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 113-189 RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF SEA  
TURTLES.

Whereas, sea turtles are classified as endangered or threatened species and are fully protected by Federal laws and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission regulations, but may be taken under current State law from October through April without restriction; and

Whereas, it is necessary to provide for uniform law enforcement in State and in Federal courts; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Subsection (a) of G.S. 113-189 is amended to read as follows:

"(a) It is unlawful to willfully take, disturb or destroy any sea turtles including green, hawksbill, loggerhead, and leatherback turtles, or their nests or eggs."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 8th day of July, 1981.