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HOUSE BILL 1100

Short Title: Protect Certain Reptiles and Amphibians. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Parmon, Womble (Primary Sponsors); and Rapp.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES
3 COMMISSION TO ENABLE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN REPTILES AND
4 AMPHIBIANS REQUIRING CONSERVATION MEASURES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-333(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
7 read:

8 "(6) To adopt and implement rules to limit, regulate, or prohibit the taking,
9 possession, collection, purchase or sale of those species of wild
10 animals in the classes Amphibia and Reptilia that do not meet the
11 criteria for listing pursuant to G.S. 113-334, but that are determined by
12 the Commission to require conservation measures. However, the
13 Commission shall not have the authority under this subdivision to
14 prohibit the taking of any such species solely to protect persons or
15 property, or to prohibit possession of four or less individual reptiles or
16 24 or less individual amphibians of those species in the aggregate by
17 any person."

18 **SECTION 2.** The commercial taking of all individuals within the species of
19 turtles in the families Emydidae and Trionychidae, which are the large basking and
20 sliding turtles, is prohibited until such time as the Wildlife Resources Commission
21 adopts rules to regulate the taking of turtles within these two families of reptiles. For the
22 purposes of this section, "commercial taking" is defined as the capture and possession in
23 the aggregate of five or more individual turtles from the two families of reptiles listed
24 herein.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.