

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

H

2

**HOUSE BILL 1100**  
**Second Edition Engrossed 4/23/03**

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

(Public)

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

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

April 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES  
COMMISSION TO ENABLE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN REPTILES AND  
AMPHIBIANS REQUIRING CONSERVATION MEASURES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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