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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 in order to prevent
13 the addition of the species to the protected animal lists pursuant to G.S.
14 113-334. However, the Commission shall not have the authority under
15 this subdivision to prohibit the taking of any such species solely to
16 protect persons, habitat, or property, or to prohibit possession of four
17 or less individual reptiles or 24 or less individual amphibians of those
18 species in the aggregate by any person."

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

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