

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 368

Short Title: Beach Towns/Land-Based Shark Fishing. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Miller.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 15, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN BEACH TOWNS TO REGULATE AND CONTROL  
3 LAND-BASED SHARK FISHING.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-176.2 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 160A-176.2. Ordinances effective in Atlantic Ocean.

7 ...

8 (a1) A city may adopt ordinances to regulate and control land-based shark fishing in the  
9 Atlantic Ocean and other navigable waterways adjacent to that portion of the city within its  
10 boundaries or within its extraterritorial jurisdiction; provided, however, nothing contained herein  
11 shall be construed to permit any city to prohibit shark fishing altogether or to make shark fishing  
12 activities unlawful.

13 ...."

14 SECTION 2. This act applies only to the Towns of Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach,  
15 Holden Beach, Kure Beach, and Oak Island and to the Village of Bald Head Island.

16 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

