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HOUSE BILL DRH30233-BR-11

Short Title: Limited Shark Fishing Tournament Moratorium. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Miller.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS
3 PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON
4 IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 15 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
7 a new section to read:

8 "**§ 113-192. Moratorium on certain shark fishing tournaments during tourist season.**

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or proclamation issued by the Marine Fisheries
10 Commission, between May 1 and October 31 of each year, it is unlawful to take sharks as part of
11 a recreational fishing tournament where the person landing the shark is on the shore or on a
12 structure attached to the shore of Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Kure Beach,
13 Oak Island, or Bald Head Island."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

