

HB 1031 – Marine Turtle Protection (Identical SB 1228)

This bill amends the offense severity ranking chart, increasing the current unranked, 3rd degree felony to a **Level 3, 3rd degree felony** for “possessing any marine turtle species or hatchling, or parts thereof, or the nest of any marine turtle species described in the Marine Turtle Protection Act.” Per DOC, nobody was sentenced for this offense in FY 15-16, nor was anyone sentenced under the entire statute.

In FY 15-16, the incarceration rate for a Level 3, 3rd degree felony was 11.6%.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

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