



CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-109.

Altering or changing engine or other numbers.

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§ 20-109(a)

CLASS I FELONY

It shall be unlawful and constitute a felony for:

- (1) Any person to willfully deface, destroy, remove, cover, or alter the manufacturer's serial number, transmission number, or engine number; or
- (2) Any vehicle owner to knowingly permit the defacing, removal, destroying, covering, or alteration of the serial number, transmission number, or engine number; or
- (3) Any person except a licensed vehicle manufacturer as authorized by law to place or stamp any serial number, transmission number, or engine number upon a vehicle, other than one assigned thereto by the Division; or
- (4) Any vehicle owner to knowingly permit the placing or stamping of any serial number or motor number upon a motor vehicle, except such numbers as assigned thereto by the Division.

A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as a Class I felony.

§ 20-109(b)

CLASS I FELONY

It shall be unlawful and constitute a felony for:

- (1) Any person, with intent to conceal or misrepresent the true identity of the vehicle, to deface, destroy, remove, cover, alter, or use any serial or motor number assigned to a vehicle by the Division; or

- (2) Any vehicle owner, with intent to conceal or misrepresent the true identity of the vehicle, to permit the defacing, destruction, removal, covering, alteration, or use of a serial or motor number assigned to a vehicle by the Division; or
- (3) Any vehicle owner, with the intent to conceal or misrepresent the true identity of a vehicle, to permit the defacing, destruction, removal, covering, alteration, use, gift, or sale of any manufacturer's serial number, serial number plate, or any part or parts of a vehicle containing the serial number or portions of the serial number.

A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as a Class I felony.

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02	1943	c. 726	AMENDED
03	1953	c. 216	AMENDED
04	1965	c. 621, s. 3	AMENDED
05	1967	c. 449	AMENDED
06	1973	c. 1089	AMENDED
07	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
08	1979	c. 760, s. 5	AMENDED
09	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 47	AMENDED
10	1981	c. 179, s. 14	AMENDED
11	1987	c. 512	AMENDED
12	1993	c. 539, s. 1255	AMENDED
13	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

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