



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-111.

Violation of registration provisions.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2013-360, s. 18B.14(i) — thirteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:53 UTC	eb11989ecbb841a274766c28 - 2646b891e90ab2ab970d5c9e - 5d07d6b29a36ad27

It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts:

To drive a vehicle on a highway, or knowingly permit a vehicle owned by that person to be driven on a highway, when the vehicle is not registered with the Division in accordance with this Article or does not display a current registration plate. Violation of this subdivision is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

To display or cause or permit to be displayed or to have in possession any registration card, certificate of title or registration number plate knowing the same to be fictitious or to have been canceled, revoked, suspended or altered, or to willfully display an expired license or registration plate on a vehicle knowing the same to be expired. Violation of this subdivision is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

The giving, lending, or borrowing of a license plate for the purpose of using same on some motor vehicle other than that for which issued shall make the giver, lender, or borrower guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Where license plate is found being improperly used, such plate or plates shall be revoked or canceled, and new license plates must be purchased before further operation of the motor vehicle.

To fail or refuse to surrender to the Division, upon demand, any title certificate, registration card or registration number plate which has been suspended, canceled or revoked as in this Article provided. Service of the demand shall be in accordance with G.S. 20-48.

To use a false or fictitious name or address in any application for the registration of any vehicle or for a certificate of title or for any renewal or duplicate thereof, or knowingly to make a false statement or knowingly to conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application. A violation of this subdivision shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

To give, lend, sell or obtain a certificate of title for the purpose of such certificate being used for any purpose other than the registration, sale, or other use in connection with the vehicle for which the certificate was issued. Any person violating the provisions of this subdivision shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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Amendment lineage

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1937		1975		2013	
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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER		
01	1937	c. 407, s. 75	ENACTED		
02	1943	c. 592, s. 2	AMENDED		
03	1945	c. 576, s. 6	AMENDED		
04	1945	c. 635	AMENDED		
05	1949	c. 360	AMENDED		
06	1955	c. 294, s. 2	AMENDED		
07	1961	c. 360, s. 20	AMENDED		
08	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED		
09	1981	c. 938, s. 3	AMENDED		
10	1993	c. 440, s. 9	AMENDED		
11	1993	c. 539, ss. 351-353	AMENDED		
12	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED		
13	2013	S.L. 2013-360, s. 18B.14(i)	AMENDED		

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-48	(null)(4)	"demand shall be in accordance with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-111 (2013).

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(1937, c. 407, s. 75; 1943, c. 592, s. 2; 1945, c. 576, s. 6; c. 635; 1949, c. 360; 1955, c. 294, s. 2; 1961, c. 360, s. 20; 1975, c. 716, s. 5; 1981, c. 938, s. 3; 1993, c. 440, s. 9; c. 539, ss. 351-353; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 2013-360, s. 18B.14(i).)

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