



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 2 - UNIFORM DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

N.C.G.S. § 20-17.

Mandatory revocation of license by
Division.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2025-71, s. 7(a) — twenty-ninth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:51 UTC	a885cda46234596ce18a0cbb - 7d18612fe24b2d435fe31d03 - b79d60730df4a10f

§ 20-17(a)

INFRACTION

The Division shall forthwith revoke the license of any driver upon receiving a record of the driver's conviction for any of the following offenses:

- (1) Manslaughter (or negligent homicide) resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.
- (2) Either of the following impaired driving offenses:
 - a.Impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1.
 - b.Impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.2, if the driver's alcohol concentration level was .06 or higher. For the purposes of this sub-subdivision, the driver's alcohol concentration level result, obtained by chemical analysis, shall be conclusive and is not subject to modification by any party, with or without approval by the court.
- (3) Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used.
- (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2025-71, s. 7(a), effective December 1, 2025, and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.
- (5) Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the Division under this Article or under any other law relating to the ownership of motor vehicles.
- (6) Conviction, within a period of 12 months, of (i) two charges of reckless driving, (ii) two charges of aggressive driving, or (iii) one or more charges of reckless driving and one or more charges of aggressive driving.

- (7) Conviction upon one charge of aggressive driving or reckless driving while engaged in the illegal transportation of intoxicants for the purpose of sale.
- (8) Conviction of using a false or fictitious name or giving a false or fictitious address in any application for a drivers license, or learner's permit, or any renewal or duplicate thereof, or knowingly making a false statement or knowingly concealing a material fact or otherwise committing a fraud in any such application or procuring or knowingly permitting or allowing another to commit any of the foregoing acts.
- (9) Any offense set forth under G.S. 20-141.4.
- (10) Repealed by Session Laws 1997-443, s. 19.26(b).
- (11) Conviction of assault with a motor vehicle.
- (12) A second or subsequent conviction of transporting an open container of alcoholic beverage under G.S. 20-138.7.
- (13) A second or subsequent conviction, as defined in G.S. 20-138.2A(d), of driving a commercial motor vehicle after consuming alcohol under G.S. 20-138.2A.
- (14) A conviction of driving a school bus, school activity bus, or child care vehicle after consuming alcohol under G.S. 20-138.2B.
- (15) A conviction of malicious use of an explosive or incendiary device to damage property (G.S. 14-49(b) and (b1)); making a false report concerning a destructive device in a public building (G.S. 14-69.1(c)); perpetrating a hoax concerning a destructive device in a public building (G.S. 14-69.2(c)); possessing or carrying a dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, or powerful explosive on educational property (G.S. 14-269.2(b1)); or causing, encouraging, or aiding a minor to possess or carry a dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, or powerful explosive on educational property (G.S. 14-269.2(c1)).
- (16) A second or subsequent conviction of larceny of motor fuel under G.S. 14-72.5. A conviction for violating G.S. 14-72.5 is a second or subsequent conviction if at the time of the current offense the person has a previous conviction under G.S. 14-72.5 that occurred in the seven years immediately preceding the date of the current offense.

04	1971	c. 619, s. 7	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 18, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1973	c. 1081, s. 3	AMENDED
07	1973	c. 1330, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
09	1975	c. 831	AMENDED
10	1979	c. 667, ss. 20, 41	AMENDED
11	1981	c. 412, s. 4	AMENDED
12	1981	c. 747, s. 66	AMENDED
13	1983	c. 435, s. 15	AMENDED
14	1989	c. 771, s. 11	AMENDED
15	1991	c. 726, s. 7	AMENDED
16	1991	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 761, s. 1	AMENDED
17	1995	c. 506, s. 7	AMENDED
18	1995	c. 538, s. 2(b)	AMENDED
19	1997	S.L. 1997-234, s. 3	AMENDED
20	1997	S.L. 1997-443, s. 19.26(b)	AMENDED
21	1998	S.L. 1998-182, s. 18	AMENDED
22	1999	S.L. 1999-257, s. 4.1	AMENDED
23	2001	S.L. 2001-352, s. 3	AMENDED
24	2001	S.L. 2001-487, s. 52	AMENDED
25	2004	S.L. 2004-193, ss. 4, 5	AMENDED
26	2006	S.L. 2006-253, s. 22.2	AMENDED
27	2007	S.L. 2007-493, s. 2	AMENDED
28	2021	S.L. 2021-128, s. 2	AMENDED
29	2025	S.L. 2025-71, s. 7(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

17 AUTHORITIES

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. 20-138.1	(a)	"a. Impaired driving under"
G.S. 20-138.2	(a)	"b. Impaired driving under"
G.S. 20-141.4	(a)(9)	"Any offense set forth under"
G.S. 20-138.7	(a)(12)	"open container of alcoholic beverage under"
G.S. 20-138.2A(d)	(a)(13)	"or subsequent conviction, as defined in"
G.S. 20-138.2A	(a)(13)	"motor vehicle after consuming alcohol under"
G.S. 20-138.2B	(a)(14)	"care vehicle after consuming alcohol under"
G.S. 14-49(b) and (b1)	(a)(15)	"incendiary device to damage property ("
G.S. 14-69.1(c)	(a)(15)	"device in a public building ("
G.S. 14-69.2(c)	(a)(15)	"device in a public building ("
G.S. 14-269.2(b1)	(a)(15)	"powerful explosive on educational property ("
G.S. 14-269.2(c1)	(a)(15)	"powerful explosive on educational property ("
G.S. 14-72.5	(a)(16)	"of larceny of motor fuel under"
G.S. 20-135.4(d)	(a)(17)	"highway or public vehicular area under"
G.S. 20-135.4	(a)(17)	"two or more previous convictions under"
G.S. 110-142.2	(b)(1)	"issued a revocation order pursuant to"
G.S. 50-13.12	(b)(1)	"order pursuant to G.S. 110-142.2 or"

APPARATUS III

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