



CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE 3A - SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM

N.C.G.S. § 20-183.8A.

Civil penalties against motorists for emissions violations; waiver.

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§ 20-183.8A(a)

Civil Penalties. - The Division must assess a civil penalty against a person who owns or leases a vehicle that is subject to an inspection and who engages in any of the emissions violations set out in this subsection. As provided in G.S. 20-54, the registration of a vehicle may not be renewed until a penalty imposed under this subsection has been paid. The civil penalties and violations are as follows:

- (1) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for failure to have the vehicle inspected within four months after it is required to be inspected under this Part.
- (2) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for instructing or allowing a person to tamper with an emission control device of the vehicle so as to make the device inoperative or fail to work properly.
- (3) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for incorrectly stating the vehicle's county of registration to avoid having an emissions inspection of the vehicle.

§ 20-183.8A(b)

Waiver. - The Division must waive the civil penalty assessed under subdivision (a)(1) of this section against a person who establishes the following:

- (1) The person was continuously out of the State on active military duty from the date the electronic authorization expired to the date the four-month grace period expired.
- (2) No person operated the vehicle from the date the electronic authorization expired to the date the four-month grace period expired.

(3) The person obtained a current electronic authorization within 30 days after returning to the State. (1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 754, ss. 1, 8; 1998-212, s. 27.6(b); 2007-364, ss. 3, 4; 2007-503, s. 15; 2009-319, s. 4.)

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