



CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE 12 - MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS LICENSING LAW

N.C.G.S. § 20-294.

Grounds for denying, suspending, placing on probation, or revoking licenses.

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In accordance with G.S. 20-295 and G.S. 20-296, the Division may deny, suspend, place on probation, or revoke a license issued under this Article for any one or more of the following grounds:

Making a material misstatement in an application for a license.

Willfully and intentionally failing to comply with this Article, Article 15 of this Chapter, or G.S. 20-52.1-20-75, 20-79.1, 20-79.2, 20-108, 20-109, 20-109.3, or a rule adopted by the Division under this Article. It shall be an affirmative defense, exclusive to the dealer licensee, if the violation is a result of fraud, theft, or embezzlement against the licensee. Responsible persons, including officers, directors, and sales representative licensees, may be charged individually if they actively and knowingly participated in the unlawful activity. This affirmative defense is waived if any violation charged creates an unrecoverable loss for a citizen or another licensed motor vehicle dealer of this State.

Failing to have an established salesroom, if the license holder is a motor vehicle dealer, or failing to have an established office, if the license holder is a wholesaler.

Willfully defrauding any retail or wholesale buyer, to the buyer's damage, or any other person in the conduct of the licensee's business.

Employing fraudulent devices, methods or practices in connection with compliance with the requirements under the laws of this State with respect to the retaking of motor vehicles under retail installment contracts and the redemption and resale of such motor vehicles.

Using unfair methods of competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices that cause actual damages to the buyer.

03	1967	c. 1126, s. 2	AMENDED
04	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
05	1977	c. 560, s. 3	AMENDED
06	1983	c. 704, s. 4	AMENDED
07	1985	c. 687	AMENDED
08	1985	ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
09	1991	c. 193, s. 2	AMENDED
10	1993	c. 440, s. 11	AMENDED
11	2001	S.L. 2001-345, ss. 3, 4	AMENDED
12	2010	S.L. 2010-132, s. 16	AMENDED
13	2014	S.L. 2014-108, s. 5(a)	AMENDED
14	2018	S.L. 2018-43, s. 4	AMENDED
15	2021	S.L. 2021-134, s. 1.2(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 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. 20-295		<i>"In accordance with"</i>
G.S. 20-296		<i>"In accordance with G.S. 20-295 and"</i>
G.S. 20-52.1	(null)(2)	<i>"Article 15 of this Chapter, or"</i>
G.S. 14-71.2	(null)(9)	<i>"of an offense set forth under"</i>
G.S. 20-287	(null)(13)	<i>"pay a civil penalty imposed under"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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