



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 17 - MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATION UNIT

N.C.G.S. § 20-396.

Unlawful motor carrier operations.

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§ 20-396(a) Any person, whether carrier, shipper, consignee, or any officer, employee, agent, or representative thereof, who by means of any false statement or representation, or by the use of any false or fictitious bill, bill of lading, receipt, voucher, roll, account, claim, certificate, affidavit, deposition, lease, or bill of sale, or by any other means or device, shall knowingly and willfully seek to evade or defeat regulations as in this Article provided for motor carriers, shall be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and only punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for any subsequent offense.

§ 20-396(b) Any motor carrier, or other person, or any officer, agent, employee, or representative thereof, who shall willfully fail or refuse to make a report to the Division or State Highway Patrol as required by this Article, or other applicable law, or to make specific and full, true, and correct answer to any question within 30 days from the time it is lawfully required by the Division or State Highway Patrol so to do, or to keep accounts, records, and memoranda in the form and manner prescribed by the Division or State Highway Patrol or shall knowingly and willfully falsify, destroy, mutilate, or alter any such report, account, record, or memorandum, or shall knowingly and willfully neglect or fail to make true and correct entries in such accounts, records, or memoranda of all facts and transactions appertaining to the business of the carrier, or person required under this Article to keep the same, or shall knowingly and willfully keep any accounts, records, or memoranda contrary to the rules, regulations, or orders of the Division or State Highway Patrol with respect thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and be punished for each offense only by a fine of not more than five

thousand dollars (\$5,000). As used in this subsection the words "kept" and "keep" shall be construed to mean made, prepared or compiled as well as retained.

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02	1993	c. 539, s. 395	AMENDED
03	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
04	2002	S.L. 2002-159, s. 31.5(b)	AMENDED
05	2002	S.L. 2002-190, s. 13	AMENDED
06	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 19.1(g)	AMENDED
07	2024	S.L. 2024-57, s. 3E.2(u)	AMENDED

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