

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1089  
SENATE BILL 1060

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-109 RELATIVE TO ALTERING OR CHANGING AN  
ENGINE OR OTHER NUMBER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 20-109 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 20-109. **Altering or changing engine or other numbers.** — (a) It shall be unlawful and constitute a misdemeanor for:

- (1) Any person to wilfully deface, destroy, remove, cover, or alter the manufacturer's serial number, transmission number, or engine number; or
- (2) Any vehicle owner to knowingly permit the defacing, removal, destroying, covering, or alteration of the serial number, transmission number, or engine number; or
- (3) Any person except a licensed vehicle manufacturer as authorized by law to place or stamp any serial number, transmission number, or engine number upon a vehicle, other than one assigned thereto by the Department; or
- (4) Any vehicle owner to knowingly permit the placing or stamping of any serial number or motor number upon a motor vehicle, except such numbers as assigned thereto by the Department.

A violation of this subsection shall be punishable by a fine or imprisonment not to exceed two years, or both, in the discretion of the court,

(b) It shall be unlawful and constitute a felony for:

- (1) Any person, with intent to conceal or misrepresent the true identity of the vehicle, to deface, destroy, remove, cover, alter, or use any serial or motor number assigned to a vehicle by the Department; or
- (2) Any vehicle owner, with intent to conceal or misrepresent the true identity of the vehicle, to permit the defacing, destruction, removal, covering, alteration, or use of a serial or motor number assigned to a vehicle by the Department; or
- (3) Any vehicle owner, with the intent to conceal or misrepresent the true identity of a vehicle, to permit the defacing, destruction, removal, covering, alteration, use, gift, or sale of any manufacturer's serial number, serial number plate, or any part or parts of a vehicle containing the serial number or portions of the serial number.

A violation of this subsection shall be punishable by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both, in the discretion of the court."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective on January 1, 1975.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of April, 1974.