

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 512
HOUSE BILL 1094

AN ACT PERTAINING TO ALTERING OR CHANGING ENGINE AND OTHER
NUMBERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-109(a) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Any person to willfully 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 Division; 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 Division.

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~~ as a Class J felony."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 1987.