

REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR OBTAINING A TRANSPORTER PLATE

G.S. 20-79.2 – A business or a dealer licensed pursuant to Article 12 of Chapter 20 requiring the limited operation of a motor vehicle of any of the following purposes may obtain a transporter plate authorizing the movement of the vehicle for the specific purpose:

1. To a business or a dealer to facilitate the manufacture, construction, rebuilding or delivery of new or used truck cabs or bodies between manufacturer, dealer, seller, or purchaser.
2. To a financial institution that has a recorded lien on a motor vehicle to repossess the motor vehicle.
3. To a dealer or repair facility to pick up and deliver a motor vehicle that is to be repaired, is to undergo a safety or emission inspection, or is to otherwise be prepared for sale by a dealer, to road-test the vehicle, if it is repaired or inspected within a 20-mile radius of the place where it is repaired or inspected, and to deliver the vehicle to the dealer. A repair facility may not receive more than two transporter plates for this purpose.
4. To a business that has at least 10 registered vehicles to move a motor vehicle that is owned by the business and is a replaced vehicle offered for sale.
5. To a dealer or a business that contracts with a dealer and has a business privilege license to take a motor vehicle either to or from a motor vehicle auction where the vehicle will be or was offered for sale. The title to the vehicle, a bill of sale, or written authorization from the dealer or auction must be inside the vehicle when the vehicle is operated with a transporter plate.
6. To a business or dealer to road test a repaired truck whose GVWR is at least 15,000 pounds when the test is performed within a 10 mile radius of the place where the truck was repaired and the truck is owned by a person who has a fleet of at least 5 trucks whose GVWR's are at least 15,000 pounds and who maintains the place where the truck was repaired.
7. To a business or dealer to move a mobile office, a mobile classroom, or mobile or manufactured home, or to transport a newly manufactured travel trailer, fifth-wheel trailer, or camping trailer between a manufacturer and a dealer. Any transporter plate used under this subdivision may not be used on the power unit.
8. To a business to drive a motor vehicle that is registered in this State and is at least 35 years old to and from a parade or another public event and to drive the motor vehicle in that event. A person who owns one of these motor vehicles is considered to be in the business of collecting those vehicles.
9. To a dealer to drive a motor vehicle that is part of the inventory of a dealer to and from a motor vehicle trade show or exhibition or to, during, and from a parade in which the motor vehicle is used.
10. To drive special mobile equipment in any of the following circumstances: From the manufacturer of the equipment to a facility of a dealer, from one facility of a dealer to another facility of a dealer, or from a dealer to the person who buys the equipment of the dealer.

Article 3, Motor Vehicle Act of 1937, § 20-71. Altering or forging certificate of title, registration card or application, a felony; reproducing or possessing blank certificate of title.

(a) Any person who, with fraudulent intent, shall alter any certificate of title, registration card issued by the Division, or any application for a certificate of title or registration card, or forge or counterfeit any certificate of title or registration card purported to have been issued by the Division under the provisions of this Article, or who, with fraudulent intent, shall alter, falsify or forge any assignment thereof, or who shall hold or use any such certificate, registration card, or application, or assignment, knowing the same to have been altered, forged or falsified, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished in the discretion of the court.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person with fraudulent intent to reproduce or possess a blank North Carolina certificate of title or facsimile thereof. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class I felony. (1937, c. 407, s. 35; 1959, c. 1264, s. 2; 1971, c. 99; 1975, c. 716, s. 5; 1979, c. 499; 1993, c. 539, s. 1251; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

Article 3, Motor Vehicle Act of 1937, § 20-177. Penalty for felony.

Any person who shall be convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Article herein or by the laws of this State declared to constitute a felony shall, unless a different penalty is prescribed herein or by the laws of this State, be punished as a Class I felon. (1937, c. 407, s. 138; 1979, c. 760, s. 5; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 47; 1981, c. 63, s. 1; c. 179, s. 14.)