

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.80319 Additional prohibited conduct; violation as misdemeanor; penalty; payment of restitution.

Sec. 80319. (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

(a) Reproduce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate a certificate of title, or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate, to a watercraft, an assignment of either, or a cancellation of a lien on a watercraft.

(b) Hold or use a certificate, assignment, or cancellation knowing it is reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated.

(c) Procure or attempt to procure a certificate of title to a watercraft, or pass or attempt to pass a certificate of title or an assignment of title to a watercraft, knowing or having reason to believe that the watercraft is stolen.

(d) Sell or offer for sale in this state a watercraft on which the manufacturer's or assigned hull identification number is destroyed, removed, covered, altered, or defaced, with knowledge of the destruction, removal, covering, alteration, or defacement of the manufacturer's or assigned hull identification number.

(e) Use a false or fictitious name, give a false or fictitious address, or make a false statement in an application or certificate required under this part, or in a bill of sale or sworn statement of ownership, or otherwise commit a fraud in an application.

(f) Fraudulently indicate on a certificate of title that there is no security interest on record for a watercraft.

(g) Forge or counterfeit a letter, receipt, or other document from the holder of a security interest in a watercraft indicating that the security interest has been released.

(h) Sell or transfer a watercraft without delivering to the purchaser or transferee of the watercraft a certificate of title, or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate to the watercraft, assigned to the purchaser as provided for in this part.

(2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(3) A person who is convicted of a violation of subsection (1)(f) or (g), in addition to any other penalty, shall pay restitution to the holder of a security interest in the watercraft in the amount of the outstanding lien on the watercraft.

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