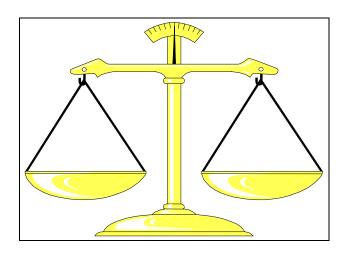
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REPORT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY In compliance with SESSION LAW 2004-186, SECTION 12.1

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I. Introduction

The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission established the Misdemeanor Offense Classification Subcommittee at its September 10, 2004, meeting. Pursuant to the request contained in Session Law 2004-186, Section 12.1 (Appendix A), the Commission charged the Subcommittee with studying the classification of misdemeanor offenses and developing a system for classifying misdemeanor offenses on the basis of their severity.

The Misdemeanor Offense Classification Subcommittee met seven times: January 14, February 25, April 8, June 10, September 9, November 18, 2005, and February 24, 2006. The Subcommittee reviewed the methods that were originally used to classify felonies and misdemeanors under structured sentencing and the current classification of misdemeanor offenses. The Subcommittee looked at the classification of misdemeanor offenses in other states with sentencing guidelines but found that very few states had classified misdemeanors and none of them had developed criteria for classification. The Subcommittee considered several different types of criteria for the classification system including the type of harm, the degree of harm, the culpability of the offender, and the type of offense. The Subcommittee also discussed whether the classification system should continue the declining degrees of harm started in the felony criteria or begin a separate set of harms. Once it had developed classification criteria, the Subcommittee classified misdemeanor offenses in General Statutes' Chapters 14, 18B, and 20. In response to the mandate, the Subcommittee focused in particular on misdemeanor assault offenses and offenses involving domestic violence. The Subcommittee looked at the classification of misdemeanor assault offenses in other states in the Southeast and reviewed the deliberations of the House Select Committee on Domestic Violence. The Subcommittee developed recommendations and reported them to the Sentencing Commission. The Commission discussed the recommendations and adopted them at its March 17, 2006, meeting.

II. Recommendations

1. The Sentencing Commission has adopted the misdemeanor offense classification system set out in Appendix B.

Commentary: The Commission developed a misdemeanor offense classification system based on the type and degree of harm that results or tends to result from an offense. This is similar to the felony offense classification system. It uses the same types of harm (person, property, and society) and degrees of harm (serious, significant, and minor). The criteria are divided into four groups to conform to the four misdemeanor offense classes. The misdemeanor criteria are

separate from the felony criteria; they are not intended to be a continuation of the felony criteria. The misdemeanor criteria are not intended to be codified into statute. They are intended to serve as a tool for classifying misdemeanor offenses and a rationale for explaining why individual offenses are assigned to the various classes.

- 2. The Sentencing Commission recommends classifying the existing misdemeanor offenses according to the misdemeanor offense classification criteria.
 - A. The Sentencing Commission recommends adopting the misdemeanor offense classifications for General Statutes Chapters 14, 18B, and 20 as set out in Appendix C.

Commentary: The Commission classified the misdemeanor offenses in Chapters 14, 18B, and 20 (except for impaired driving offenses) based on a comparison of the elements of the crime to the criteria. The members decided not to consider reclassification of the misdemeanor offenses in any other chapters of the General Statutes at this time because those offenses are charged less frequently. However, the Sentencing Commission will use the misdemeanor offense classification criteria for the classification of all new misdemeanors and the reclassification of existing misdemeanors proposed in the future.

B. The Sentencing Commission recommends that the misdemeanor offense classification criteria not be used in the classification of the homicide offenses, the drug offenses, or the impaired driving offenses.

Commentary: When the Sentencing Commission developed structured sentencing, it decided that the felony offense classification criteria would not be used in the classification of the homicide offenses or drug offenses because they are unique offenses and not amenable to a harm-based criteria. The Commission decided that the classification of misdemeanor offenses should be consistent with the way felony offenses were classified. The Commission also recognized that the impaired driving offenses have been historically treated as unique and are not subject to structured sentencing. For that reason, the Commission excluded them from the misdemeanor offense classification criteria.

- 3. The Sentencing Commission recommends making the following changes to certain misdemeanor offense statutes:
 - A. The Sentencing Commission recommends separating the misdemeanor battery offense from the misdemeanor assault offense and classifying it higher. In addition, the Sentencing Commission recommends that the offense of attempted battery be defined as an assault.

Commentary: An assault involves a show of force sufficient to place another in reasonable fear of immediate physical harm. A battery involves the actual striking of another. Yet the offenses of "assault" and "battery" are currently joined in statute and classified in the same misdemeanor offense class. As a result, the courts make very little distinction between them. The misdemeanor offense classification criteria are based, in part, on the degree of

harm that results or tends to result from an offense. The Commission recognized that the degree of harm that results from a battery is more serious than the degree of harm that results from an assault.

The Commission proposed classifying "battery" as a Class 1 misdemeanor and "assault" as a Class 3 misdemeanor. An attempted battery would be punished one class lower than a completed battery, according to structured sentencing, even though the conduct is the equivalent of an assault. This would effectively create a second, and higher, classification of misdemeanor assault conduct.

B. The Sentencing Commission recommends repealing assaultive misdemeanor offenses against vulnerable victims and protected classes of people. In the alternative, the Sentencing Commission recommends classifying those offenses according to the misdemeanor offense classification criteria.

Commentary: The misdemeanor offense classification criteria are based on the type and degree of harm that results or tends to result from an offense. That harm that results from an offense is considered to be the same regardless of the victim. The Commission decided that it would be inconsistent with the offense classification system to punish offenders differently for the same conduct just because of the victim involved.

The Commission also recognized that there might be a societal interest in extending additional protection to certain victims. Therefore, if the assaultive misdemeanor offenses against vulnerable victims and protected classes of people are retained, the Commission suggested classifying the offenses according to the misdemeanor offense classification criteria. In this case, that would result in the offenses being classified one class higher than the general offenses. The higher classification is based on the idea that those victims are either more vulnerable than other victims (*e.g.*, handicapped persons and children) or face a greater risk of harm because of their position (*e.g.*, law enforcement officers and school employees).

C. The Sentencing Commission recommends repealing the misdemeanor offense of assault on a female.

Commentary: The Commission recognized that there might be a societal interest in extending additional protection to certain victims. However, the Commission also recognized that it would be inconsistent with the offense classification system to punish offenders differently for the same conduct just because of the gender of the victim. (See Recommendation #3, B.) The Commission decided to recommend dealing with the issue by focusing on violence that occurs within the context of a personal relationship between the defendant and the victim. (See Recommendation #3, D.)

D. The Sentencing Commission recommends adding new offenses to existing misdemeanor offenses for situations where a personal relationship exists between the

defendant and the victim, as defined in General Statute 50B-1, and classifying the new offenses according to the misdemeanor offense classification criteria.

Commentary: While the harm resulting from the offense may be the same, the presence of a personal relationship between the defendant and the victim may increase the risk of harm to the victim. The Commission decided that there might be a societal interest in increasing the punishment for certain offenses when they occur within the context of a personal relationship. These offenses include assault, battery, communicating threats, harassing by telephone calls, and stalking.

E. The Sentencing Commission recommends eliminating the misdemeanor offense class enhancements for second and subsequent violations of the same offense.

Commentary: Several misdemeanor offenses are punished according to more serious misdemeanor offense classes if the defendant has previously been convicted of the offense. This increase in offense class is inconsistent with structured sentencing because the prior conviction levels already take prior violations into account.

F. The Sentencing Commission recommends that the General Assembly amend the driving while license revoked offense to allow the defendant to pay any delinquent fine or any penalty imposed for failure to appear and have the charge dismissed if that is the only reason for the charge.

Commentary: Offenders can be convicted of driving while license revoked when they fail to pay a previous fine or penalty. These convictions put a strain on court and correctional resources as well as affect the daily activities of otherwise law-abiding citizens. The current statute does not give the defendant an opportunity to remedy the situation prior to conviction. This change would have a positive impact on court and correctional time and resources and cause less interference with the livelihoods of citizens.

Appendix A

Mandate from the General Assembly

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

SESSION LAW 2004-186 HOUSE BILL 1354

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAWS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART XII. STUDY OF MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS

SECTION 12.1. The General Assembly finds that the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission has adopted formal criteria for classifying felony offenses. The Sentencing Commission has identified three general types of harms: harms to persons (including both physical and mental injury); harms to property; and harms to society. The degrees of harm are divided into three levels:

- (1) Injury to person, property, or society;
- (2) Significant injury to person, property, or society; and
- (3) Serious injury to person, property, or society. The stated purpose of establishing the criteria was "to create a rational and consistent philosophical basis for classifying offenses; to assure proportionality in severity; and to provide a guidepost for classifying new crimes in the future."

In contrast to the felony classification criteria, the Commission did not create classification criteria for misdemeanors. However, the current misdemeanor sentencing laws include an assault offense that has serious injury as an element - even though "serious injury to a person" is a category of harm for felony offense classification. The General Assembly finds that the classification of assault offenses that involve serious injury as misdemeanors is inconsistent with the Sentencing Commission's classification of felonies based on harm.

The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, pursuant to its statutory responsibilities under Article 4 of Chapter 164 of the General Statutes, shall study the classification of misdemeanor offenses. In particular, the Commission shall examine the classification of assault offenses in relation to property offenses, crimes against society, and felony assault offenses. The Commission shall develop a system for classifying misdemeanor offenses on the basis of their severity. The Commission may consider reclassifying existing offenses and creating new offenses in order to insure proportionality and consistency. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2005 General Assembly, 2005 Regular Session. The report shall describe the status of the Commission's work and shall include any completed policy recommendations and proposed legislation. The Commission shall make a final report to the 2005 General Assembly, 2006 Regular Session.

SECTION 12.2. This part is effective when it becomes law.

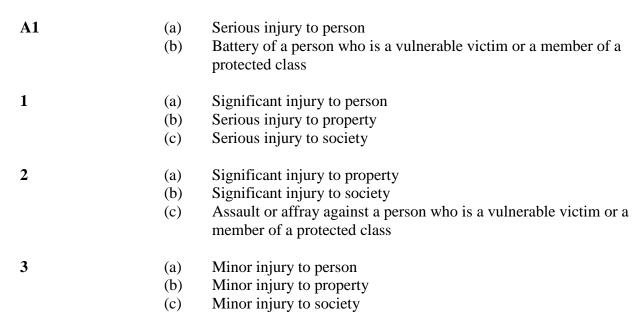
Appendix B

Proposed Misdemeanor Offense Classification Criteria

PROPOSED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

CLASS CRITERIA

[A misdemeanor offense that reasonably tends to result or does result in]:



Note: The criteria were not used in the classification of the drug offenses, impaired driving offenses, or homicide offenses.

[•] Personal injury includes both physical and mental injury.

[•] Societal injury includes violations of public morality, judicial or government operations, and/or public order and welfare.

Appendix C

Summary of Proposed Reclassification of Misdemeanor Offenses in Chapters 14, 18B, and 20

Summary of Chapters 14, 18B, and 20 Misdemeanor Offense Classification Results

Proposed Offense	Current Offense Class			
Class	A1	1	2	3
A1	5	3	0	0
1	7	113	14	10
2	0	73	126	21
3	2	34	62	51

SOURCE: September 9, November 18, 2005, and February 24, 2006 Misdemeanor Offense Classification Subcommittee Exercises

Summary

- A total of **521** misdemeanor offenses were reviewed and classified according to the Misdemeanor Offense Classification Criteria.
- 295 (57%) misdemeanor offenses maintained the same offense class.
- 48 (9%) misdemeanor offenses increased in offense class.
 - o 38 (7%) misdemeanor offenses increased one offense class.
 - o 10 (2%) misdemeanor offenses increased two offense classes.
- 178 (34%) misdemeanor offenses decreased in offense class.
 - o 142 (27%) misdemeanor offenses decreased one offense class.
 - o 34 (7%) misdemeanor offenses decreased two offense classes.
 - o 2 (<1%) misdemeanor offenses decreased three offense classes.

Notes

42 misdemeanor offenses were excluded from Table 1:

- 1 Chapter 14 misdemeanor offense, assault on a female, currently Class A1. The Subcommittee has recommended repeal of the offense. The conduct would be prosecuted in Class A1, Class 1, or Class 3. If the proposed "personal relationship" offense is adopted, the conduct could also be prosecuted in Class 2.
- 12 Chapter 14 and 3 Chapter 20 misdemeanor offenses that are second or subsequent violations. The Subcommittee has recommended repeal of these offenses. The conduct would be prosecuted in the classes of the base offenses.
- 18 Chapter 14 misdemeanor offenses primarily involve assault or battery of protected classes or vulnerable victims. The Subcommittee has recommended repeal of these offenses OR classifying them according to the Misdemeanor Offense Classification Criteria. They could be Class A1 or Class 2 offenses depending on the conduct.
- 1 Chapter 14 misdemeanor offense is currently classified as "one class higher than the underlying offense." The Subcommittee has proposed classifying it in Class A1.
- 7 proposed Chapter 14 offenses where there is a "personal relationship." The Subcommittee has recommended classifying them according to the Misdemeanor Offense Classification Criteria. They could be Class A1, Class 1, or Class 2 offenses depending on the conduct.

Appendix D

Proposed Reclassification of Misdemeanor Offenses in Chapters 14, 18B, and 20

PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF CHAPTERS 14, 18B, and 20 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES

Where the Proposed Misdemeanor Class indicates "Repeal/[offense class]", the Subcommittee recommends repealing the offense or, in the alternative, classifying it in the proposed class.

Language listed in bold italics indicates a proposed new offense or a change to the language of the existing offense.

Offenses that require the presence of a "personal relationship" will refer to a personal relationship as defined in G.S. 50B-1(b).

GENERAL STATUTES SECTION	OFFENSE	CURRENT MISD. CLASS	PROP. MISD. CLASS
	CHAPTER 14. CRIMINAL LAW.		
	Article 1. Felonies and Misdemeanors.		
14-3	Punishment of misdemeanors, offenses committed with ethnic animosity (Class 2 or 3 misdemeanors).	1	1(c)
14-4(a)	Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor.	3	3(c)
	Article 3. Rebellion.		
14-10	Secret political and military organizations forbidden.	1	1(c)
	Article 4. Subversive Activities.		
14-11, -12	Punishment for violations; activities aimed at overthrow of government.	1	1(c)
	Article 4A. Prohibited Secret Societies and Activities.		
14-12.3, -12.15	Certain secret societies prohibited.	1	1(c)
14-12.4, -12.15	Uses of signs, grips, passwords or disguises or taking or administering oath for illegal purposes.	1	1(c)
14-12.5, -12.15	Permitting, etc., meetings or demonstrations of prohibited secret societies.	1	1(c)

14-12.6, -12.15	Meeting places and meetings of secret societies regulated.	1	2(b)
14-12.7, -12.15	Wearing of masks, hoods, etc., on public ways.	1	2(b)
14-12.8, -12.15	Wearing of masks, hood, etc., on public property.	1	2(b)
14-12.9, -12.15	Entry, etc., upon premises of another while wearing mask, hood, or other disguise.	1	1(c)
14-12.10, -12.15	Holding meetings or demonstrations while wearing masks, hoods, etc.	1	1(c)
14-12.12(a), - 12.15	Placing burning or flaming cross on property of another or on public street or highway.	1	1(c)
	Article 5. Counterfeiting and Issuing Monetary Substitutes.		
14-15	Issuing substitutes for money without authority.	3	1(c)
14-16	Receiving or passing unauthorized substitutes for money.	3	1(c)
	Article 6. Homicide.	•	
14-18.2(c)	Injury to pregnant woman (while committing a domestic violence misdemeanor).	One class higher	A1(a)
	Article 7A. Rape and Other Sex Offenses.		
14-27.5A	Sexual battery.	A1	A1(a)
14-27.7(b)	Intercourse and sexual offenses with certain victims; consent no defense.	A1	1(c)
	Article 8. Assaults.		
14-32.1(f)	Assaults on handicapped persons; punishments (assault).	1	Repeal/2(c)
14-32.1(f)	Assaults on handicapped persons; punishments (battery).	1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-32.2(b)(4)	Patient abuse and neglect; punishments.	A1	1(a)
14-33(a)	Simple assault.	2	3(a)
14-33(a)	Simple assault and battery. [Subcommittee recommends deleting "assault"]	2	1(a)
14-33(a)	Participating in a simple affray.	2	3(c)

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14-33(b)	Assault, assault and battery, or affray against a sports official (assault or affray).	1	Repeal/2(c)
14-33(b)	Assault, assault and battery, or affray against a sports official (battery).	1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-33(c)(1)	Assault inflicting serious injury.	A1	A1(a)
14-33(c)(1)	Assault using a deadly weapon.	A1	A1(a)
14-33(c)(2)	Assault on a female.	A1	Repeal
14-33(c)(3)	Assault on a child under 12 years of age (assault or affray).	A1	Repeal/2(c)
14-33(c)(3)	Assault on a child under 12 years of age (battery).	A1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-33(c)(4)	Assault on a State officer or employee (assault or affray).	A1	Repeal/2(c)
14-33(c)(4)	Assault on a State officer or employee (battery).	A1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-33(c)(6)	Assault on a school employee or volunteer (assault or affray).	A1	Repeal/2(c)
14-33(c)(6)	Assault on a school employee or volunteer (battery).	A1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-33(c)(7)	Assault on a public transit operator (assault or affray).	A1	Repeal/2(c)
14-33(c)(7)	Assault on a public transit operator (battery).	A1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-33(c)(8)	Assault on a company or campus police officer (assault or affray).	A1	Repeal/2(c)
14-33(c)(8)	Assault on a company or campus police officer (battery).	A1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-33(c)	Assault on a person with whom the defendant has a personal relationship (assault or affray).	N/A	2(c)
14-33(c)	Assault on a person with whom the defendant has a personal relationship (battery).	N/A	A1(b)
14-33(d)	Assault inflicting serious injury or using a deadly weapon in the presence of a minor. (Statute requires a minimum of supervised probation for first offense and a minimum of 30 days in jail for second offense.)	A1	A1(a)
14-34	Assaulting by pointing gun.	A1	A1(a)
14-34.3	Manufacture, sale, purchase, or possession of teflon-coated types of bullets prohibited.	1	1(c)
14-34.6(a)	Assault or affray on an emergency medical technician, ambulance attendant, emergency department nurse, or emergency department physician (assault or affray).	A1	Repeal/2(c)
14-34.6(a)	Assault or affray on an emergency medical technician, ambulance attendant, emergency department nurse, or emergency department physician (<i>battery</i>).	A1	Repeal/A1(b)

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	Article 9. Hazing.		
14-35	Hazing.	2	3(a)
	Article 10. Kidnapping and Abduction.		
14-40	Enticing minors out of State for the purpose of employment.	2	3(c)
14-43.1	Unlawful arrest by officers from other states.	2	3(c)
14-43.2(d)	Involuntary servitude (failure to report violation).	1	3(c)
	Article 11. Abortion and Kindred Offenses.		
14-46	Concealing birth of child (aiding or abetting any other person in concealing).	1	1(c)
	Article 12. Libel and Slander.	•	
14-47	Communicating libelous matter to newspapers.	2	2(b)
	Article 14. Burglary and Other Housebreakings.		
14-54(b)	Breaking or entering buildings generally (no intent to commit felony or larceny therein).	1	1(b)
14-56.1	Breaking into or forcibly opening coin- or currency-operated machines (first offense).	1	2(a)
14-56.2	Damaging or destroying coin- or currency-operated machines.	1	1(b)
14-56.3	Breaking into paper currency machines (first offense).	1	2(a)
14-56.4	Preparation to commit breaking or entering into motor vehicles (first offense).	1	1(c)
	Article 15. Arson and Other Burnings.		
14-68	Failure of owner of property to comply with orders of public authorities.	3	2(b)
14-69	Failure of officers to investigate incendiary fires.	3	1(c)
	Article 16. Larceny.		
14-72(a)	Larceny of property; receiving stolen goods or possessing stolen goods (value \$1,000 or less).	1	1(b)
14-72.1(a) and (e)	Concealment of merchandise in mercantile establishments (first offense).	3	1(c)

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14-72.1(a) and (e)	Concealment of merchandise in mercantile establishments (second offense committed within 3 years of conviction of first offense).	2	Repeal
14-72.1(a) and (e)	Concealment of merchandise in mercantile establishments (third or subsequent offense committed within 5 years of conviction of two other offenses).	1	Repeal
14-72.1(d) and (e)	Concealment of merchandise in mercantile establishments (changing price tags; first offense).	3	1(c)
14-72.1(d) and (e)	Concealment of merchandise in mercantile establishments (changing price tags; second offense committed within 3 years of conviction of first offense).	2	Repeal
14-72.1(d) and (e)	Concealment of merchandise in mercantile establishments (changing price tags; third or subsequent offense committed within 5 years of conviction of two other offenses).	1	Repeal
14-72.2	Unauthorized use of a motor-propelled conveyance (other than aircraft).	1	2(a)(b)
14-72.3	Removal of shopping cart from shopping premises.	3	3(b)(c)
14-72.4	Unauthorized taking or sale of labeled dairy milk cases or milk crates bearing the name or label of owner.	2	3(b)(c)
14-72.5	Larceny of motor fuel.	1	1(c)
14-76	Larceny, mutilation, or destruction of public records and papers.	1	1(b)(c)
14-76.1	Mutilation or defacement of records and papers in the North Carolina State Archives.	1	1(b)(c)
14-77	Larceny, concealment or destruction of wills.	1	1(b)(c)
14-82	Taking horses, mules, or dogs for temporary purposes.	2	2(a)(b)
	Article 19. False Pretenses and Cheats.		
14-100.1	Possession or manufacture of certain fraudulent forms of identification.	1	1(b)(c)
14-102	Obtaining property by false representation of pedigree of animals.	2	3(c)
14-103	Obtaining certificate of registration of animals by false representation.	3	3(c)
14-104	Obtaining advances under promise to work and pay for the same.	2	1(c)
14-105	Obtaining advances under written promise to pay therefor out of designated property.	2	3(c)
14-106	Obtaining property in return for worthless check, draft or order.	2	2(b)

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14-107(d)(1)	Worthless checks (amount \$2000 or less).	2	2(b)
14-107(d)(1)	Worthless checks (amount \$2000 or less, fourth and all subsequent convictions).	1	Repeal
14-107(d)(3)	Worthless checks (drawn upon a non-existent account).	1	1(c)
14-107(d)(4)	Worthless checks (drawn upon a closed account).	1	1(c)
14-108	Obtaining property or services from slot machines, etc., by false coins or tokens.	2	2(b)
14-109	Manufacture, sale, or gift of devices for cheating slot machines, etc.	2	2(b)
14-110	Defrauding innkeeper or campground owner.	2	2(a)(b)
14-111.1	Obtaining ambulance services without intending to pay therefor - Buncombe, Haywood and Madison Counties.	2	2(a)(b)
14-111.2	Obtaining ambulance services without intending to pay therefor - certain named counties.	2	2(a)(b)
14-111.3	Making unneeded ambulance request in certain counties.	3	2(a)(b)
14-112	Obtaining merchandise on approval.	2	3(c)
14-113	Obtaining money by false representation of physical defect.	2	3(c)
	Article 19A. Obtaining Property or Services by False or Fraudulent Use of Credit Device or Other M	Ieans.	
14-113.1, -113.6	Use of false or counterfeit credit device; unauthorized use of another's credit device; use after notice of revocation.	2	2(b)
14-113.4, -113.6	Avoiding or attempting to avoid payment for telecommunication services.	2	2(b)
14-113.5, -113.6	Making, distributing, possessing, transferring or programming device for theft of telecommunication service.	2	2(b)
	Article 19B. Financial Transaction Card Crime Act.		
14-113.13, - 113.17(a)	Financial transaction card fraud (except value greater than \$500 obtained in a 6-month period).	2	2(a)(b)
14-113.15, - 113.17(a)	Criminal receipt of goods and services fraudulently obtained (value less than \$500 obtained in a 6-month period).	2	2(a)(b)
	Article 20. Frauds.		
14-114	Fraudulent disposal of personal property on which there is a security interest.	2	2(a)(b)

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14-115	Secreting of property to hinder enforcement of lien or security interest.	2	2(a)(b)
14-117	Fraudulent and deceptive advertising.	2	2(b)
14-117.2	Gasoline price advertisements (must indicate whether price is dependent on purchaser pumping fuel).	3	3(c)
14-118	Blackmailing.	1	1(c)
14-118.1	Simulation of court process in connection with collection of claim, demand or account.	2	2(b)
14-118.2	Assisting, etc., in obtaining academic credit by fraudulent means.	2	2(b)
14-118.3	Acquisition and use of information obtained from patients in hospitals for fraudulent purposes.	2	2(b)
14-118.5	Theft of cable television service.	3	2(a)(b)
	Article 21. Forgery.		
14-122.1	Falsifying documents issued by a secondary school, postsecondary educational institution, or governmental agency.	1	2(a)(b)
	Article 22. Damages and Other Offenses to Land and Fixtures.		
14-127	Willful and wanton injury to real property.	1	1(b)
14-128	Injury to trees, crops, lands, etc., of another.	1	1(b)
14-129	Taking, etc., of certain wild plants from land of another.	3	2(a)
14-129.2	Unlawful to take sea oats.	3	2(a)
14-130	Trespass on public lands.	1	3(b)(c)
14-131	Trespass on land under option by the federal government.	3	3(b)(c)
14-132	Disorderly conduct in and injuries to public buildings and facilities.	2	2(a)(b)
14-132.2(a)	Willfully trespassing upon or damaging a public school bus (unlawfully damaging or destroying).	1	2(b)
14-132.2(b)	Willfully trespassing upon or damaging a public school bus (entering a school bus after being forbidden to do so).	1	2(b)
14-132.2(c)	Willfully trespassing upon or damaging a public school bus (refusing to leave a school bus upon demand).	1	2(b)

14-132.2(c1)	Willfully trespassing upon or damaging a public school bus (willfully stop, impede, delay, or detain any public school bus being operated for public school purposes).	1	2(b)
14-134.2	Operating motor vehicle upon utility easements after being forbidden to do so.	3	2(b)
14-134.3	Domestic criminal trespass.	1	1(c)
14-135	Cutting, injuring, or removing another's timber.	1	1(b)
14-136	Setting fire to grass and brushlands and woodlands (no intent to damage property shown; first offense).	2	2(a)
14-136	Setting fire to grass and brushlands and woodlands (no intent to damage property shown; second or subsequent offense).	1	Repeal
14-137	Willfully or negligently setting fire to woods and fields.	2	2(a)
14-138.1	Setting fire to grassland, brushland, or woodland.	3	3(b)(c)
14-140.1	Certain fire to be guarded by watchman.	3	2(a)(b)
14-141(1)	Burning or otherwise destroying crops in the field (damage \$2000 dollars or less).	1	1(b)
14-142	Injuries to dams and water channels of mills and factories.	2	2(a)
14-144	Injuring houses, churches, fences and walls.	2	2(a)
14-145	Unlawful posting of advertisements.	3	3(b)(c)
14-146	Injuring bridges.	1	2(a)(b)
14-147	Removing, altering or defacing landmarks.	2	2(a)
14-148	Defacing or desecrating grave sites.	1	2(a)(b)
14-151	Interfering with gas, electric and steam appliances.	2	2(a)
14-151.1	Interfering with electric, gas or water meters.	1	2(b)
14-152	Injuring fixtures and other property of gas companies.	3	3(b)
14-153	Tampering with engines and boilers.	2	2(a)
14-154	Injuring wires and other fixtures of telephone, telegraph and electric-power companies.	1	1(b)
14-155	Unauthorized connections with telephone or telegraph.	3	2(a)(b)

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14-156	Injuring fixtures and other property of electric-power companies.	2	2(a)
14-157	Felling trees on telephone and electric-power wires.	3	3(b)
14-158	Interfering with telephone lines.	2	2(a)
14-159	Injuring buildings or fences; taking possession of house without consent.	3	1(b)
14-159.2(a)(1) and (b)	Interference with animal research (unauthorized entry into research facility).	1	1(b)(c)
14-159.2(a)(2) and (b)	Interference with animal research (damaging of research facility).	1	1(b)(c)
14-159.2(a)(3) and (b)	Interference with animal research (unauthorized release of animal).	1	1(b)(c)
14-159.2(a)(4) and (b)	Interference with animal research (interference with care of animal).	1	1(b)(c)
14-159.3	Trespass to land on motorized all terrain vehicle.	2	2(a)(b)
	Article 22A. Trespassing upon "Posted" Property to Hunt, Fish, Trap, or Remove Pine Needles/St	traw.	
14-159.6(a)	Trespass for purposes of hunting, etc., without written consent a misdemeanor.	2	2(a)(b)
14-159.6(b)	Trespass for purposes of hunting, etc., without written consent a misdemeanor (with the intent to rake/remove pine straw).	1	2(a)(b)
14-159.8	Mutilation, etc., of "posted" signs; posting signs without consent of owner or agent.	3	2(a)(b)
	Article 22B. First and Second Degree Trespass.		
14-159.12	First degree trespass.	2	1(c)
14-159.13	Second degree trespass.	3	2(b)
	Article 22C. Cave Protection Act.	•	-1
14-159.21	Vandalism; penalties.	3	2(b)
14-159.22	Sale of speleothems unlawful; penalties.	3	3(c)

	Article 23. Trespasses to Personal Property.		
14-160(a)	Willful and wanton injury to personal property; punishments (damage \$200 or less).	2	2(a)(b)
14-160(b)	Willful and wanton injury to personal property; punishments (damage in excess of \$200).	1	1(b)
14-160.1	Alteration, destruction or removal of permanent identification marks from personal property.	1	1(b)
14-162	Removing boats.	2	2(a)
14-163.1(c)	Assaulting a law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal (willfully cause or attempt to cause physical harm).	1	1(b)(c)
14-163.1(d)	Assaulting a law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal (willfully taunt, tease, harass, delay, obstruct, or attempt to delay or obstruct).	2	2(b)
	Article 24. Vehicles and Draft Animals – Protection of Bailor against Acts of Bailee.		
14-165	Malicious or willful injury to hired personal property.	2	2(a)
14-166	Subletting of hired property.	2	2(a)
14-167	Failure to return hired property.	2	2(a)
14-168	Hiring with intent to defraud.	2	2(a)(b)
14-168.1	Conversion by bailee, lessee, tenant or attorney-in-fact (value of property converted \$400 or less).	1	2(a)
14-168.4	Failing to return rented property on which there is purchase option.	2	2(a)
14-169	Violation made a misdemeanor (unclassified violations of Article 24).	1	2(a)
	Article 26. Offenses Against Public Morality and Decency.		
14-184	Fornication and adultery.	2	3(c)
14-186	Opposite sexes occupying same bedroom at hotel for immoral purposes; falsely registering as husband and wife.	2	3(c)
14-188	Certain evidence relative to keeping disorderly houses admissible; keepers of such houses defined; punishment.	2	3(c)
14-190.4	Coercing acceptance of obscene articles or publications.	1	3(c)

14-190.5	Preparation of obscene photographs, slides and motion pictures.	1	3(c)
14-190.9	Indecent exposure.	2	2(b)
14-190.14	Displaying material harmful to minors.	2	3(c)
14-190.15	Disseminating harmful material to minors; exhibiting harmful performances to minors.	1	1(a)
14-196	Using profane, indecent or threatening language to any person over telephone; annoying or harassing by repeated telephoning or making false statements over telephone.	2	2(b)
14-196	Using profane, indecent or threatening language to any person over telephone; annoying or harassing by repeated telephoning or making false statements over telephone (where there is a personal relationship between the defendant and the victim).	N/A	1(c)
14-196.3	Cyberstalking.	2	1(a)
14-196.3	Cyberstalking (where there is a personal relationship between the defendant and the victim).	N/A	A1(b)
14-197	Using profane or indecent language on public highways; counties exempt.	3	3(c)
14-199	Obstructing way to places of public worship.	2	2(b)
14-202(a)	Secretly peeping into room occupied by another person.	1	1(c)
14-202(a1)	Secretly peeping into room occupied by another person (surreptitiously peep underneath or through the clothing of another by a mirror or other device).	1	1(c)
14-202(c)	Secretly peeping into room occupied by another person (while in possession of a photographic device).	A1	1(c)
14-202(i)	Secretly peeping into room occupied by another person (second or subsequent conviction).	One class higher	Repeal
14-202.2	Indecent liberties between children.	1	A1(a)
14-202.4(b)	Taking indecent liberties with a student.	A1	1(c)
	Article 26A. Adult Establishments.		
14-202.11, - 202.12	Restrictions as to adult establishments (first offense).	3	3(c)
14-202.11, - 202.12	Restrictions as to adult establishments (second or subsequent offense).	2	Repeal

	Article 27. Prostitution.		
14-204, -208	Prostitution and various acts abetting prostitution unlawful; punishment.	1	1(c)
14-204.1	Loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution offense.	1	2(b)
	Article 30. Obstructing Justice.	•	
14-223	Resisting officers.	2	2(b)
14-225	False reports to law enforcement agencies or officers.	2	2(b)
14-225.1	Picketing or parading.	1	3(c)
14-226.1	Violating orders of court.	3	3(c)
14-227	Failing to attend as witness before legislative committees.	3	2(b)
	Article 30A. Secret Listening.		
14-227.1, -227.3	Secret listening to conference between prisoner and his attorney.	2	2(b)
14-227.2, -227.3	Secret listening to deliberations of grand or petit jury.	2	2(b)
	Article 31. Misconduct in Public Office.	•	
14-229	Acting as officer before qualifying as such.	1	2(b)
14-230	Willfully failing to discharge duties.	1	1(c)
14-231	Failing to make reports and discharge other duties.	1	1(c)
14-232	Swearing falsely to official reports.	1	1(c)
14-234	Public officers or employees benefitting from public contracts; exceptions.	1	1(c)
14-234.1	Misuse of confidential information (from public office).	1	1(c)
14-238	Solicitation during school hours without permission of school head.	2	2(b)
14-239	Allowing prisoners to escape; punishment.	1	1(c)
14-241	Disposing of public documents or refusing to deliver them over to successor.	1	1(c)
14-242	Failing to return process or making false return.	1	1(c)

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14-243	Failing to surrender tax list for inspection and correction.	1	2(b)
14-244	Failing to file report of fines or penalties.	1	2(b)
14-246	Failure of ex-magistrate to turn over books, papers and money.	1	2(b)
14-247, -251	Private use of publicly owned vehicle.	2	2(b)
14-248, -251	Obtaining repairs and supplies for private vehicle at expense of State.	2	2(b)
	Article 33. Prison Breach and Prisoners.		
14-255	Escape of working prisoners from custody.	1	1(c)
14-256	Prison breach and escape from county or municipal confinement facilities or officers.	1	1(c)
14-258.1(b)	Furnishing alcoholic beverages to inmates of charitable, mental or penal institutions or local confinement facilities.	1	1(c)
14-259	Harboring or aiding certain persons charged or convicted of a misdemeanor.	1	1(c)
	Article 34. Custodial Institutions.		
14-266, -268	Persuading inmates to escape.	1	1(c)
14-267, -268	Harboring fugitives.	1	1(c)
	Article 35. Offenses Against the Public Peace.		
14-269(a)	Carrying concealed weapons (other than pistol or gun).	2	2(b)
14-269(a1)	Carrying concealed weapons (pistol or gun, first offense).	2	1(c)
14-269.2(d)	Weapons on campus or other educational property (enumerated weapons).	1	1(c)
14-269.2(e)	Weapons on campus or other educational property (aid/encourage a minor under 18 to carry/possess a weapon).	1	1(c)
14-269.2(f)	Weapons on campus or other education property (unloaded, locked up firearm carried in a vehicle by a person who is not a student or educational employee).	1	1(c)
14-269.3	Carrying concealed weapons into assemblies and establishments where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed.	1	1(c)

14-269.4	Weapons on State property and in courthouses.	1	1(c)
14-269.6	Possession and sale of spring-loaded projectile knives prohibited.	1	2(b)
14-269.7	Prohibition on handguns for minors.	2	2(b)
14-275.1	Disorderly conduct at bus or railroad station or airport.	3	3(c)
14-276.1	Impersonation of firemen or emergency medical services personnel.	3	2(b)
14-277(a)(1), (2), and (3)	Impersonation of a law-enforcement or other public officer (false representation).	1	2(b)
14-277(b)(1), (2), (3), and (4)	Impersonation of a law-enforcement or other public officer (carrying out act in accordance with authority of officer). (Statute authorizes intermediate punishment for Prior Conviction Level I.)	1	1(c)
14-277(e)	Impersonation of a law-enforcement or other public officer (false representation as a county, city, or State employee).	1	1(c)
14-277.1	Communicating threats.	1	1(a)
14-277.1	Communicating threats (where there is a personal relationship between the defendant and the victim).	N/A	A1(b)
14-277.2	Weapons at parades, etc., prohibited.	1	1(c)
14-277.3	Stalking (first offense). (Statute requires a minimum of supervised probation.)	A1	1(a)
14-277.3	Stalking (first offense – where there is a personal relationship between the defendant and the victim).	N/A	A1(b)
14-277.4	Obstruction of health care facilities (first offense).	2	1(c)
14-277.4	Obstruction of health care facilities (second conviction within 3 years of the first conviction).	1	Repeal
	Article 36. Offenses Against the Public Safety.		
14-279	Unlawful injury to property of railroads.	2	2(a)(b)
14-279.1	Unlawful impairment of operation of railroads.	2	2(a)(b)
14-280.1	Trespassing on railroad right-of-way.	3	3(b)(c)
14-281	Operating trains and streetcars while intoxicated.	2	1(c)
14-281.1	Throwing, dropping, etc., objects at sporting events.	3	3(c)
14-283	Exploding dynamite cartridges and bombs.	1	A1(a)

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14-284	Keeping for sale or selling explosives without a license.	1	1(c)
14-284.1	Regulation of sale of explosives; reports; storage.	2	1(c)
14-286	Giving false fire alarms; molesting fire-alarm, fire-detection or fire-extinguishing system.	2	2(b)
14-286.1	Making false ambulance request.	3	2(b)
14-286.2	Interfering with emergency communication.	A1	1(c)
14-287	Leaving unused well open and exposed.	2	2(b)
14-288	Unlawful to pollute any bottles used for beverages.	3	3(c)
	Article 36A. Riots and Civil Disorders.		
14-288.2(b) and (d)	Riot; inciting to riot; punishments.	1	1(c)
14-288.4	Disorderly conduct.	2	3(c)
14-288.5	Failure to disperse when commanded a misdemeanor; prima facie evidence.	2	2(b)
14-288.6(a)	Looting; trespass during emergency.	1	1(b)(c)
14-288.7	Transporting dangerous weapon or substance during emergency; possessing off premises; exceptions.	1	1(c)
14-288.9	Assault on emergency personnel; punishments (without the use of a dangerous weapon or substance) (assault).	1	Repeal/2(c)
14-288.9	Assault on emergency personnel; punishments (without the use of a dangerous weapon or substance) (battery).	1	Repeal/A1(b)
14-288.12	Powers of municipalities to enact ordinances to deal with states of emergency.	3	3(c)
14-288.13	Powers of counties to enact ordinances to deal with states of emergency.	3	3(c)
14-288.14	Power of chairman of board of county commissioners to extend emergency restrictions imposed in municipality.	3	3(c)
14-288.15	Authority of Governor to exercise control in emergencies.	2	2(b)
14-288.19	Governor's power to order evacuation of public building.	2	2(b)
	Article 37. Lotteries, Gaming, Bingo and Raffles.		
14-289	Advertising lotteries.	2	3(c)

14-290	Dealing in lotteries.	2	3(c)
14-291	Selling lottery tickets and acting as agent for lotteries.	2	3(c)
14-291.1	Selling "numbers" tickets; possession prima facie evidence of violation.	2	3(c)
14-291.2	Pyramid and chain schemes prohibited.	2	2(b)
14-292	Gambling.	2	3(c)
14-293	Allowing gambling in houses of public entertainment; penalty.	2	2(b)
14-294	Gambling with faro banks and tables.	2	2(b)
14-295	Keeping gaming tables, illegal punchboards or slot machines, or betting thereat.	2	3(c)
14-297	Allowing gaming tables, illegal punchboards or slot machines on premises.	2	3(c)
14-300	Opposing destruction of gaming tables and seizure of property.	2	2(b)
14-301, -303	Operation or possession of slot machines; separate offenses.	2	3(c)
14-302, -303	Punchboards, vending machines, and other gambling devices; separate offenses.	2	3(c)
14-304, -309	Manufacture, sale, etc., of slot machines and devices (first offense).	1	3(c)
14-305, -309	Agreements with reference to slot machines or devices made unlawful (first offense).	1	3(c)
14-306.1, -309	Types of machines and devices prohibited by law; penalties (less than five machines).	1	3(c)
14-309.5(b)	Bingo (licensed exempt organization violation).	2	3(c)
14-309.11	Accounting and use of proceeds.	2	2(c)
14-309.14	Beach bingo (greater than \$10 but less than \$50 prize).	2	3(c)
14-309.15	Raffles.	2	2(c)
14-309.20	Greyhound racing prohibited.	1	3(c)
	Article 39. Protection of Minors.		
14-313(b)	Youth access to tobacco products (sale or distribution of tobacco products to a person under 18).	2	2(b)
14-313(b1)	Youth access to tobacco products (failure to demand proof of age when vending products from a machine).	2	2(b)
14-313(c)	Youth access to tobacco products (purchase of a tobacco product by a person under 18 years).	2	2(b)

14-313(d)	Youth access to tobacco products (send, aid or abet a person under 18 years to purchase a tobacco product).	2	2(b)
14-315(a)	Selling or giving weapons to minors (other than handguns).	1	1(c)
14-315.1	Storage of firearms to protect minors.	1	2(b)
14-315.2	Warning upon sale or transfer of firearm to protect minor.	1	2(b)
14-316	Permitting young children to use dangerous firearms.	2	2(b)
14-316.1	Contributing to delinquency and neglect by parents and others.	1	1(c)
14-317	Permitting minors to enter barrooms or billiard rooms.	3	3(c)
14-318	Exposing children to fire.	1	1(c)
14-318.1	Discarding or abandoning iceboxes, etc.; precautions required.	1	1(c)
14-318.2	Child abuse a Class 1 misdemeanor.	1	1(a)(c)
14-321	Failing to pay minors for doing certain work.	3	3(c)
14-321.1	Prohibit baby sitting service by sex offender or in the home of a sex offender (first offense).	1	1(c)
	Article 40. Protection of the Family.		
14-322	Abandonment and failure to support spouse and children (first offense).	2	2(b)
14-322	Abandonment and failure to support spouse and children (second or subsequent offense).	1	Repeal
14-326.1	Parents; failure to support (first offense).	2	2(b)
14-326.1	Parents; failure to support (second or subsequent offense).	1	Repeal
	Article 41. Alcoholic Beverages.		•
14-329(c)	Manufacturing, trafficking in, transporting, or possessing poisonous alcoholic beverages (transport, sell or possess for purpose of sale).	2	1(c)
14-329(d)	Manufacturing, trafficking in, transporting, or possessing poisonous alcoholic beverages (transport or possess).	1	1(c)
	Article 44. Regulation of Sales.		

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Selling or offering to sell meat of diseased animals.

14-346	Sale of convict-made goods prohibited.	2	3(c)
	Article 45. Regulation of Employer and Employee.		
14-353	Influencing agents and servants in violating duties owed employers.	2	3(c)
14-355	Blacklisting employees.	3	3(c)
	Article 46. Regulation of Landlord and Tenant.		
14-358	Local: Violation of certain contracts between landlord and tenant.	3	2(b)
14-359	Local: Tenant neglecting crop; landlord failing to make advances; harboring or employing delinquent tenant.	3	2(b)
	Article 47. Cruelty to Animals.		
14-360	Cruelty to animals; construction of section.	1	2(b)
14-361	Instigating or promoting cruelty to animals.	1	2(b)
14-361.1	Abandonment of animals.	2	2(a)(b)
14-362.1(a), (b) and (c)	Animal fights, other than cock fights, and animal baiting.	2	2(b)
14-362.3	Restraining dogs in a cruel manner.	1	2(b)
14-363	Conveying animals in a cruel manner.	1	2(b)
14-363.1	Living baby chicks or other fowl, or rabbits under eight weeks of age; disposing of as pets or novelties forbidden.	3	3(c)
	Article 49. Protection of Livestock Running at Large.		•

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Unauthorized dealing in railroad tickets.

Molesting or injuring livestock.

Placing poisonous shrubs and vegetables in public places.

Sale of admission tickets in excess of printed price.

	Article 50. Protection of Letters, Telegrams, and Telephone Messages.		
14-370	Wrongfully obtaining or divulging knowledge of telephonic messages.	2	2(b)
14-371	Violating privacy of telegraphic messages; failure to transmit and deliver same promptly.	2	2(b)
14-372	Unauthorized opening, reading or publishing of sealed letters and telegrams.	2	2(b)
	Article 51A. Protection of Horse Shows.		
14-380.1	Bribery of horse show judges or officials.	2	2(b)
14-380.2	Bribery attempts to be reported.	2	2(b)
	Article 52. Miscellaneous Police Regulations.		
14-381	Desecration of State and United States flag.	2	2(b)
14-382	Pollution of water on lands used for dairy purposes.	3	2(a)(b)
14-383	Cutting timber on town watershed without disposing of boughs and debris; misdemeanor.	2	3(c)
14-384	Injuring notices and advertisements.	3	3(b)(c)
14-385	Defacing or destroying public notices and advertisements.	3	3(b)(c)
14-391	Usurious loans on household and kitchen furniture or assignment of wages.	1	2(b)
14-394	Anonymous or threatening letters, mailing or transmitting.	1	2(b)
14-395	Commercialization of American Legion emblem; wearing by nonmembers.	3	3(b)(c)
14-395.1	Sexual harassment.	2	2(b)
14-398	Theft or destruction of property of public libraries, museums, etc. (property destroyed does not exceed \$50).	1	3(c)
14-399(c)	Littering (15 pounds or less, not for commercial purposes).	3	3(c)
14-399(d)	Littering (over 15 pounds up to 500 pounds, not for commercial purposes).	3	2(a)(b)
14-399.2	Certain plastic yoke and ring type holding devices prohibited.	3	3(c)
14-400	Tattooing; body piercing prohibited.	2	3(a)(c)
14-401	Putting poisonous foodstuffs, antifreeze, etc., in certain public places, prohibited.	1	1(a)

14-401.1	Misdemeanor to tamper with examination questions.	2	3(c)
14-401.2	Misdemeanor for detective to collect claims, accounts, etc.	2	2(b)
14-401.3	Inscription on gravestone or monument charging commission of crime.	2	3(c)
14-401.4	Identifying marks on machines and apparatus; application to Division of Motor Vehicles for numbers.	1	1(c)
14-401.6	Unlawful to possess, etc., tear gas except for certain purposes.	2	2(b)
14-401.7	Persons, firms, banks and corporations dealing in securities on commission taxed as a private banker.	3	3(c)
14-401.8	Refusing to relinquish party telephone line in emergency; false statement of emergency.	1	2(b)
14-401.9	Parking vehicle in private parking space without permission.	3	3(b)(c)
14-401.10	Soliciting advertisements for official publications of law-enforcement officers' associations.	2	3(c)
14-401.12	Soliciting charitable contributions by telephone.	1	3(c)
14-401.13	Failure to give right to cancel in off-premises sales.	3	3(c)
14-401.14	Ethnic intimidation; teaching any technique to be used for ethnic intimidation.	1	2(b)
14-401.15	Telephone sales recovery services.	1	1(c)
14-401.17	Unlawful removal or destruction of electronic dog collars (first offense).	3	3(b)(c)
14-401.17	Unlawful removal or destruction of electronic dog collars (second or subsequent offense).	2	Repeal
14-401.18	Sale of certain packages of cigarettes prohibited.	A1	3(c)
14-401.19	Filing false security agreements.	2	2(b)
14-401.20	Defrauding drug and alcohol screening tests; penalty (first offense).	1	1(c)
14-401.21	Practicing "rebirthing technique"; penalty (first offense).	A1	3(c)
14-401.22(b)	Concealment of death (aid, counsel, abet).	A1	1(c)
	Article 52A. Sale of Weapons in Certain Counties.		
14-402	Sale of certain weapons without permit forbidden.	2	2(b)
14-406, -408	Dealer to keep record of sales.	2	2(b)

	Article 54. Sale, etc., of Pyrotechnics.		
14-410, -415	Manufacture, sale and use of pyrotechnics prohibited; exceptions; sale to persons under the age of 16 prohibited.	2	2(b)
14-410, -415	Manufacture, sale and use of pyrotechnics prohibited; exceptions; sale to persons under the age of 16 prohibited (exhibition indoors).	1	2(b)
	Article 54B. Concealed Handgun Permit.		
14-415.21(b)	Violations of this Article punishable as an infraction and a Class 2 misdemeanor (carrying a concealed handgun, without a permit or failing to disclose to a law enforcement officer; second offense).	2	2(b)
	Article 55. Handling of Poisonous Reptiles.		
14-416, -422	Handling of poisonous reptiles declared public nuisance and criminal offense.	2	3(c)
14-417, -422	Regulation of ownership or use of poisonous reptiles.	2	3(c)
14-418, -422	Prohibited handling of reptiles or suggesting or inducing others to handle.	2	3(c)
	Article 56. Debt Adjusting.		
14-424	Engaging, etc., in business of debt adjusting a misdemeanor.	2	3(c)
	Article 58. Records, Tapes, and Other Recorded Devices.		
14-433, -437(a)	Recording of live concerts or recorded sounds and distribution, etc., of such recordings unlawful in certain circumstances (less than 100 unauthorized articles during any 180-day period).	1	3(b)(c)
14-434, -437(a)	Retailing, etc., of certain recorded devices unlawful (less than 100 unauthorized articles during any 180-day period).	1	2(c)
14-435, -437(a)	Recorded devices to show true name and address of manufacturer.	1	3(c)
	Article 58A. Audiovisual Recordings.		
14-440.1	Unlawful operation of an audiovisual recording device (first offense).	1	1(b)
	Article 59. Public Intoxication.		
14-444	Intoxicated and disruptive in public.	3	3(c)

	Article 60. Computer-Related Crime.		
14-454(a) and (b)	Accessing computers (property/services obtained \$1000 or less).	1	1(c)
14-454.1(c)	Accessing government computers (accessing educational testing material on a government computer).	1	1(c)
14-455(a)	Damaging computers, computer systems, computer networks, and resources (damage caused \$1000 or less).	1	1(c)
14-456	Denial of computer services to an authorized user.	1	1(c)
14-458	Computer trespass; penalty (violation of section).	3	1(c)
14-458	Computer trespass; penalty (violation of section; damage to property less than \$2,500).	1	1(c)
	Article 61. Trains and Railroads.		•
14-460	Riding on train unlawfully.	3	3(b)(c)
14-461	Unauthorized manufacture or sale of switch-lock keys a misdemeanor (Railroads).	1	3(c)
	CHAPTER 18B. REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.		II.
	Article 1. General Provisions.		
18B-102	Manufacture, sale, etc., forbidden except as expressly authorized.	1	2(b)
18B-111, -102	Nontaxpaid alcoholic beverages (unlawful to possess, transport, or sell).	1	2(b)
	Article 3. Sale, Possession, and Consumption.		
18B-300(b), -102	Purchase, possession and consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine (unlawful to consume/allow to be consumed malt beverages or unfortified wine on premises having only an off-premises permit).	1	3(c)
18B-301(f), -102	Possession and consumption of fortified wine and spirituous liquor (unlawful possession or use).	1	3(c)
18B-302(a), -102	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (sale).	1	2(b)
18B-302(b), -102	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (purchase or possession).	1	3(c)
18B-302(c)(1)	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (aider or abettor under the lawful age to purchase).	2	2(b)
18B-302(c)(2)	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (aider or abettor over the lawful age to purchase).	1	1(c)
18B-302(e), -102	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (fraudulent use of ID).	1	3(c)
18B-302(f), -102	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (allowing use of ID).	1	2(b)
18B-302(i)	Sale to or purchase by underage persons (purchase or possession by 19 or 20-year old).	3	3(c)

100 303, 102	Other promoted suies.		
18B-307(a)(1), - 102	Manufacturing offenses (sell or possess equipment, ingredients; first offense).	1	1(c)
18B-307(a)(2), - 102	Manufacturing offenses (allow real or personal property to be used; first offense).	1	1(c)
18B-307(b), -102	Manufacturing offenses (manufacture; first offense).	1	1(c)
18B-308, -102	Sale and consumption at bingo games.	1	3(c)
	Article 4. Transportation.	•	•
18B-401(a)	Manner of transportation (open containers).	3	2(b)
18B-401(b), -102	Manner of transportation (transporting in a taxi).	1	3(c)
18B-406, -102	Unlawful transportation (unauthorized amount).	1	3(c)
	Article 5. Law Enforcement.	•	•
18B-502(b)	Inspection of licensed premises (obstruction of inspection).	2	2(b)
	Article 9. Issuance of Permits.		•
18B-902(c), -102	Application for permit; fees (knowingly making a false statement).	1	2(b)
	Article 10. Retail Activity.		
18B-1004, -102	Hours for sale and consumption.	1	3(c)
18B-1005, -102	Conduct on licensed premises (certain conduct prohibited).	1	1(c)
18B-1005.1, -102	Sexually explicit conduct on licensed premises (certain conduct prohibited).	1	1(c)
18B-1006(d), - 102	Miscellaneous provisions on permits (unlawful possession or consumption without permit authorization).	1	2(b)
18B-1006(e), - 102	Miscellaneous provisions on permits (possession of false or facsimile permit).	1	2(b)

Amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be purchased (unlawful amount purchased).

Miscellaneous provisions on permits (failure to surrender permit).

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18B-304, -102

18B-305, -102

18B-1006(f), -

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Sale and possession for sale.

Other prohibited sales.

18B-1007(b), - 102	Additional requirements for mixed beverages permittees (unlawful handling of bottles).	1	1(c)
	Article 11. Commercial Activity.		
18B-1116, -102	Exclusive outlets prohibited.	1	2(b)
	Article 13. Beer Franchise Law.		.
18B-1303, -102	Filing of distribution agreement; no discrimination.	1	2(b)
18B-1304(1), - 102	Prohibitions (coerce/attempt to coerce or persuade a wholesaler to violate ABC laws).	1	2(b)
18B-1304(2), - 102	Prohibitions (alter/terminate/fail to renew a franchise agreement).	1	2(b)
	CHAPTER 20. MOTOR VEHICLES.		
	Article 2. Uniform Driver's License Act.		
20-7(a), -35(a)	Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses (operation of motor vehicle without license).	2	3(c)
20-7(a), -35(a)	Issuance and renewal of drivers license (operation of class of vehicle that driver is not authorized to operate).	2	3(c)
20-7(a), -35(a)	Issuance and renewal of drivers license (failure to carry license while operating vehicle).	2	3(c)
20-7(a1), -35(a)	Issuance and renewal of drivers license (operation of motorcycle without a license).	2	3(c)
20-7(e), (l), and (m), -35(a)	Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses (operation of motor vehicle without complying with restriction noted on license or permit).	2	3(c)
20-7.1, -35(a)	Notification of change of address.	2	3(c)
20-7.5	License to Give Trust Fund Commission established.	1	3(c)
20-10, -35(a)	Age limits for drivers of public passenger-carrying vehicles.	2	3(c)
20-10.1, -35(a)	Mopeds (unlawful to drive if under 16).	2	3(c)
20-11	Issuance of limited learner's permit and provisional drivers license to person who is less than 18 years old.	2	3(c)
20-12.1, -35(a)	Impaired supervision or instruction.	2	1(c)
20-16.1(b), -28(a)	Mandatory suspension of driver's license upon conviction of excessive speeding; limited driving permits for first offenders (violation of restrictive privileges; excessive speeding).	1	1(c)
20-21, -28(a)	No operation under foreign license during suspension or revocation in this state.	1	1(c)

20-28(a)	Unlawful to drive while license revoked or while disqualified (license revoked).	1	1(c)
20-28(a1)	Unlawful to drive while license revoked or while disqualified (without reclaiming license).	1	1(c)
20-28(d)	Unlawful to drive while license revoked or while disqualified (while disqualified).	1	1(c)
20-29	Surrender of license.	2	2(b)
20-29.1, -35(a)	Commissioner may require reexamination; issuance of limited or restricted licenses.	2	2(b)
20-30(1) - (4), (6),(8), -35(a)	Violations of license or learner's permit provisions.	2	2(b)
20-30(5)	Violations of license of learner's permit provisions (using a false or fictitious name or address, or making a false statement on application).	1	2(b)
20-32, -35(a)	Unlawful to permit unlicensed minor to drive motor vehicle.	2	2(b)
20-34, -35(a)	Unlawful to permit violations of this Article.	2	2(b)
20-37.02(c)	Verification of drivers license information (collect or retain information obtained through the use of the electronic system).	2	2(b)
	Article 2A. Afflicted, Disabled, or Handicapped Persons.		
20-37.6(c3)	Parking privileges for handicapped drivers and passengers (unlawful to sell handicapped license plate or placard).	2	3(c)
	Article 2B. Special Identification Cards for Nonoperators.		1
20-37.7	Special identification card (fraud or misrepresentation in application of or use thereof).	2	2(b)
20-37.8(a)	Fraudulent use prohibited.	2	2(b)
	Article 2C. Commercial Driver License.		1
20-37.12, -37.21	Commercial drivers license required.	3	3(c)
	Article 3. Motor Vehicle Act of 1937.		1
20-39.1(g)	Publicly owned vehicles to be marked; private license plates on publicly owned vehicles (failure to return a license or registration plates issued pursuant to this subsection).	2	3(c)
20-45(b)	Seizure of documents and plates (failure to surrender ownership document, license, plate, or duplicate thereof).	2	3(c)
20-47(b)	Division may summon witnesses and take testimony (failure to obey summons).	2	2(b)

20-50, -176(c)	Owner to secure registration and certificate of title; temporary registration markers (failure to obtain registration or title).	2	2(b)
20-52.1(c)	Manufacturer's certificate of transfer of new motor vehicle (delivery or acceptance of a manufacturer's certificate assigned in blank).	2	2(b)
20-57(c), -176(c)	Division to issue certificate of title and registration card (operate motor vehicle without a registration card).	2	3(c)
20-59	Unlawful for lienor who holds certificate of title not to surrender same when lien satisfied.	3	3(c)
20-63(a)	Registration of plates furnished by the Division; etc. (receipt of notice and failure to surrender plates).	2	3(c)
20-63(d), -176(c)	Registration of plates furnished by the Division; etc. (failure to attach registration plate at proper place).	2	3(c)
20-63(e)	Registration of plates furnished by the Division; etc. (neglect or refuse to clean registration plate).	3	3(c)
20-63(f)	Registration of plates furnished by the Division; etc. (operating with false numbers).	2	2(b)
20-63(g)	Registration of plates furnished by the Division; etc. (alteration, disguise or concealment of numbers).	2	2(b)
20-66(g), -176(c)	Renewal of vehicle registration (unlawful to operate vehicle on highway after sticker expires).	2	3(c)
20-67, -176(c)	Notice of change of address or name (failure to notify).	2	3(c)
20-71.4	Failure to disclose damage to a vehicle shall be a misdemeanor.	2	2(b)
20-72(b)	Transfer by owner (delivery or acceptance of certificate of title assigned in blank).	2	2(b)
20-73(a)	New owner must get new certificate of title.	2	3(c)
20-74	Penalty for making false statement about transfer of vehicle.	3	2(b)
20-75	When transferee is dealer or insurance company (delivery or acceptance of certificate of title assigned in blank).	2	2(b)
20-77(d)	Transfer by operation of law; sale under mechanic's or storage lien; unclaimed vehicles (failure to report unclaimed vehicle).	3	3(c)
20-94	Partial payments (use of tag without payment).	2	3(c)
20-101, -176(c)	For-hire vehicles to be marked (failure to mark common or contract carriers with required identification).	2	3(c)
20-102.1	False report of theft or conversion a misdemeanor.	2	2(b)
20-106.2(b)(3)	Sublease and loan assumption arranging regulated (failure to disclose location of vehicle to vehicle's buyer/lessor).	1	2(b)

20-106.2(b)(4)	Sublease and loan assumption arranging regulated (failure to provide third party new, accurate disclosures under Consumer Credit Protection Act).	1	2(b)
20-106.2(b)(5)	Sublease and loan assumption arranging regulated (failure to provide oral and written notice to buyer/lessee that he will not be released from liability).	1	2(b)
20-106.2(b)(6)	Sublease and loan assumption arranging regulated (failure to ensure that all rights under warranties and service contracts regarding the motor vehicle transfer to third party).	1	2(b)
20-106.2(b)(7)	Sublease and loan assumption arranging regulated (failure to take reasonable steps to ensure that third party is financially able to assume payment obligations of buyer/lessee according to agreement).	1	2(b)
20-107(a)	Injuring or tampering with vehicle (injure or tamper).	2	2(a)
20-107(b)	Injuring or tampering with vehicle (with intent to commit a crime).	2	2(a)
20-108	Vehicles or component parts of vehicles without manufacturer's numbers (unlawful possession of vehicle/part).	2	2(b)
20-109.1	Surrender of title to salvage vehicles (violation of section).	1	3(c)
20-111(1), - 176(c)	Violation of registration provisions (drive/permit to be driven a non-registered vehicle).	2	3(c)
20-111(2), - 176(c)	Violation of registration provisions (display/cause/permit to be displayed fictitious or canceled/revoked license or registration plate).	2	2(b)
20-111(3)	Violation of registration provisions (giving/lending license plate for use on motor vehicle other than that for which issued).	3	3(c)
20-111(4), - 176(c)	Violation of registration provisions (failure/refuse to surrender a canceled or revoked title certificate/registration card/registration number plate).	2	2(b)
20-111(5)	Violation of registration provisions (use of false/fictitious name in application for registration of vehicle/certificate of title).	1	1(c)
20-111(6)	Violation of registration provisions (give/lend/sell/obtain certificate of title for the purpose of such certificate being used for any other purpose than registration/sale).	2	2(b)
20-114.1, -176(c)	Willful failure to obey law-enforcement or traffic-control officer; fireman as traffic-control officers; appointment, etc., of traffic-control officers.	2	2(b)
20-115.1(i)	Limitations on tandem trailers and semitrailers on certain North Carolina highways (driver of vehicle with a semitrailer less than 50 feet violating subsections (a) or (b) of this section).	3	3(c)

20-116(h)	Size of vehicles and loads (operation of vehicle whose gross vehicle weight/axle load extends maximum limits posted).	2	2(b)
20-118.1, -176(c)	Officers may weigh vehicles and require overloads to be removed (failure to permit vehicle to be weighed or to remove an overload).	2	2(b)
20-120	Operation of flat trucks on State highways regulated; trucks hauling leaf tobacco in barrels or hogsheads (violation of section).	2	2(b)
20-124(h)	Brakes (sale of non-approved hydraulic brake fluid).	2	2(b)
20-127(d), - 176(c)	Windows and windshield wipers (violation of window tinting regulations).	2	2(b)
20-130.1	Use of red or blue lights on vehicles prohibited; exceptions.	1	1(c)
20-136.1, -176(c)	Location of television viewers (unlawful to place television screen at any part forward of the back of the driver's seat).	2	3(c)
20-136.2	Airbag installation (violation of section).	1	1(c)
20-137.2	Operation of vehicles resembling law-enforcement vehicles unlawful; punishment.	1	1(c)
20-138.2A	Operating a commercial vehicle after consuming alcohol (first offense).	3	1(c)
20-138.2A	Operating a commercial vehicle after consuming alcohol (subsequent offense, 20-179).	20-179*	Repeal
20-138.2B	Operating a school bus, school activity bus, or child care vehicle after consuming alcohol (first offense).	3	1(c)
20-138.2B	Operating a school bus, school activity bus, or child care vehicle after consuming alcohol (subsequent offense, 20-179).	20-179*	Repeal
20-138.3	Driving by person less than 21 years old after consuming alcohol or drugs.	2	2(b)
20-138.7	Transporting an open container of alcoholic beverage after consuming alcohol (first offense).	3	3(c)
20-138.7	Transporting an open container of alcoholic beverage after consuming alcohol (second or subsequent offense).	2	Repeal
20-140	Reckless driving.	2	1(c)
20-141(j1)	Speed restrictions (driving a vehicle on a highway either 15 miles per hour above the speed limit or over 80 miles per hour).	2	2(b)

^{*} The Subcommittee noted that it is inconsistent to punish the first violation of an offense under structured sentencing and subsequent violations under the impaired driving laws. The Subcommittee recommended punishing all violations of the offenses under structured sentencing.

20-141(j3)	Speed restrictions (driving a commercial vehicle with a load subject to a permit while in excess of 15 miles per hour above either the posted speed limit or the restricted speed of the load permit).	2	2(b)
20-141.3(a)	Unlawful racing on streets and highways (willfully in prearranged speed competition with another motor vehicle).	1	1(c)
20-141.3(b)	Unlawful racing on streets and highways (willfully in speed competition with another motor vehicle).	2	1(c)
20-141.3(c)	Unlawful racing on streets and highways (authorize or knowingly permit vehicle owned by person to be used in prearranged speed competition; or to place/receive a bet or wager from the outcome of a prearranged speed competition).	1	1(c)
20-141.4(a2) and (b)	Felony and misdemeanor death by vehicle.	1	A1
20-141.5	Speeding to elude arrest; forfeiture of vehicle.	1	1(c)
20-141.6	Aggressive driving.	1	1(c)
20-149(b)(1)	Overtaking a vehicle (failure to comply with this section is the proximate cause of a collision resulting in serious bodily injury).	1	1(a)
20-149(b)(2)	Overtaking a vehicle (failure to comply with this section is the proximate cause of a collision resulting in bodily injury or property damage).	2	1(c)
20-157(a)	Approach of police, fire department or rescue squad vehicle or ambulances; driving over fire hose or blocking fire-fighting equipment; parking, etc., near police, fire department, or rescue squad vehicle or ambulance (violation of subsection).	2	2(b)
20-157(h)	Approach of police, fire department or rescue squad vehicle or ambulances; driving over fire hose or blocking fire-fighting equipment; parking, etc., near police, fire department, or rescue squad vehicle or ambulance (property damage greater than \$500 or injury).	1	1(c)
20-166(b)	Duty to stop in event of accident or collision; furnishing information or assistance to injured person, etc.; persons assisting exempt from civil liability (driver's failure to give information when subsection (a) is violated).	1	1(c)
20-166(c)	Duty to stop in event of accident or collision; furnishing information or assistance to injured person, etc.; persons assisting exempt from liability (accident results only in damage to property, or if driver did not know and did not have reason to know of death/injury to person).	1	2(b)
20-166(c)	Duty to stop in event of accident or collision; furnishing information or assistance to injured person, etc.; persons assisting exempt from liability (driver may not facilitate, allow, or agree to the removal of the vehicle from the scene).	1	2(b)

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20-166(c1)	Duty to stop in event of accident or collision; furnishing information or assistance to injured person, etc.; persons assisting exempt from liability (driver's failure to give information to victims when subsection (c) is violated).	1	2(b)
20-166.1, -176(c)	Reports and investigations required in event of accident (violation of section).	2	2(b)
20-166.2(a)	Duty of passenger to remain at the scene of an accident (passenger may not facilitate, allow, or agree to the removal of the vehicle from the scene).	1	2(b)
20-166.2(b)	Duty of passenger to remain at the scene of an accident (failure to give information/assistance).	1	2(b)
20-167.1	Transportation of spent nuclear fuel (violation of section).	3	1(c)
20-174.1	Standing, sitting or lying upon highways or streets prohibited.	2	3(c)
20-179.3(j), -28	Limited driving privilege (violation of section).	1	1(c)
	Article 6A. Motor Carriers of Migratory Farm Workers.		•
20-215.2, -215.4	Power to regulate; rules and regulations establishing minimum standards (violation of regulations applicable to motor carriers of migratory farm workers).	3	3(c)
	Article 7. Miscellaneous Provisions Relating to Motor Vehicles.		•
20-217	Motor vehicles to stop for properly marked and designated school buses in certain instances; evidence of identity of driver (violation of section).	2	1(c)
20-218	Standard qualifications for school bus drivers; speed limit for school buses and school activity buses (violation of section).	3	2(b)
20-218.2	Speed limit for nonprofit activity buses.	3	3(c)
20-219.2	Removal of unauthorized vehicles from private lots (certain named counties).	3	3(c)
	Article 9A. Motor Vehicle Safety and Financial Responsibility Act of 1953.		•
20-279.30, - 279.31(c)	Surrender of license (willfully failing to return license).	3	3(c)
20-279.31(b)(1)	Other violations; penalties (gives information required in a report of a reportable accident, knowing/having reason to believe information is false).	1	1(c)
20-279.31(b)(2)	Other violations; penalties (forges or without authority signs any evidence of proof of financial responsibility).	1	1(c)
20-279.31(b)(3)	Other violations; penalties (forges/offers for filing any evidence of proof of financial responsibility, knowing/having reason to believe that evidence is forged/signed without authority).	1	2(b)
	Article 11. Liability Insurance Required of Persons Engaged in Renting Motor Vehicles.		1

20-281, -284	Liability insurance prerequisite to engaging in business; coverage of policy (violation of statute).	1	2(b)
	Article 12. Motor Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Law.		
20-287, -308	Licenses required.	1	3(c)
20-290, -308	Licenses to specify places of business; display of license and list of salesmen, advertising.	1	3(c)
20-298, -308	Insurance (violation of statute).	1	2(b)
20-301.1, -308	Notice of additional charges against dealer's account; informal appeals procedure.	1	3(c)
20-304, -308	Coercion of retail dealer by manufacturer or distributor in connection with installment sales contract prohibited.	1	2(b)
20-305, -308	Coercing dealer to accept commodities not ordered; threatening to cancel franchise; preventing transfer of ownership; granting additional franchises; terminating franchises without good cause; preventing family succession.	1	2(b)
20-305.1(b), -308	Automobile dealer warranty obligations (failure to perform warranty obligations).	1	1(c)
20-305.2, -308	Unfair methods of competition.	1	2(b)
20-305.6, -308	Unlawful for manufacturers to unfairly discriminate among dealers.	1	2(b)
20-306, -308	Unlawful for salesmen to sell except for his employer; multiple employment; persons who arrange transactions involving the sale of new motor vehicles.	1	3(c)
20-308.2(d), -308	Applicability of this Article (unlawful for manufacturer/distributor to use other business association to engage in illegal conduct proscribed under Article).	1	3(c)
	Article 13. The Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act of 1957.		•
20-312	Failure of owner to deliver certificate of registration and plates after revocation; notice of revocation.	1	2(b)
20-313	Operation of motor vehicle without financial responsibility a misdemeanor.	1	1(c)
20-313.1	Making false certification or giving false information a misdemeanor.	1	2(b)
	Article 14. Driver Training School Licensing Law.		•
20-327	Penalties for violating Article or regulations (Driver Training School Licensing Laws).	3	3(c)
	Article 15. Vehicle Mileage Act.		
20-342, -350	Unlawful devices.	1	2(b)
20-344, -350	Operation of vehicle with intent to defraud.	1	2(b)

20-345, -350	Conspiracy (to violate Article).	1	3(c)
20-346, -350	Lawful service, repair or replacement of odometer.	1	3(c)
20-347, -350	Disclosure requirements (violation of statute).	1	3(c)
	Article 16. Professional Housemoving.		
20-371	Penalties (violation of Article).	3	3(c)
Article 17. Motor Carrier Safety Regulation Unit.			
20-390	Refusal to permit Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to inspect records made misdemeanor.	3	3(c)
20-395	Willful injury to property of motor carrier a misdemeanor.	1	2(b)
20-396	Unlawful motor carrier operations.	3	3(c)
20-397	Furnishing false information to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; withholding information from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.	1	2(b)