

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 728
HOUSE BILL 1182

AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO CERTIFY
THAT NO DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ARE OWED ON THE VEHICLE AND
THAT THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN LISTED FOR PROPERTY TAXES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be designated G.S. 20-50.2 and to read:

"§ 20-50.2. Applicant to certify as to ad valorem taxes on vehicle. — (a) Every owner of a vehicle when applying for registration or renewal of registration shall, in addition to complying with any other requirements of this Article, provide the following information on the application form:

- (1) A certification statement setting forth the month and year and the name of the county in which the vehicle is listed for property taxes, if the applicant owned the vehicle on the most recent January 1 preceding the date on which the application is made; and
- (2) A certification statement that no delinquent county or municipal property taxes are owed on the vehicle in the name of the applicant.

For purposes of this section, property taxes are considered 'delinquent' when they are no longer payable at par in accordance with G.S. 105-360(a).

The Department of Transportation shall provide a place on the vehicle registration application form for the certification statements required by this section, and the statement shall appear on the form in substantially the following language:

I owe no delinquent county or municipal taxes on this vehicle. I was the legal owner of this vehicle on January 1st of the year of this application and the vehicle was listed for property taxes in _____ County in (Month) (Year).

I was not the legal owner of this vehicle on January 1. ()

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(b) If the applicant fails to provide any of the information required by this section, then the Division of Motor Vehicles shall refuse registration until such time as the applicant provides the information so required.

(c) Any applicant who shall make a false certification concerning the information required by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both such fine and imprisonment."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on January 1, 1982.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 29th day of June, 1981.