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H 2192. FAILURE TO RELEASE A SECURITY INTEREST. Filed 5/15/08. *TO SET A CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTY FOR SECURITY INTEREST HOLDERS THAT FAIL TO RELEASE THE SECURITY LIEN WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE SATISFACTION OR DISCHARGE OF THE SECURITY INTEREST*.

Amends GS 20-58.4 by adding a new subsection to assign penalties to any person, firm, corporation, or legal entity that fails to release a security interest as prescribed by the statute. Makes violation of the law a Class 2 misdemeanor and allows assessment of a $100 civil penalty by the Division of Motor Vehicles if an individual demands, by certified mail, the release of the security interest from the secured party and receives no response within ten days of mailing. Effective December 1, 2008, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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