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§ 2181. Fraud or falsity on applications for license or registration

Whoever shall make any material misstatement of fact upon his application for license to operate a motor vehicle, or for registration thereof, and whoever shall deceive or substitute, or cause another to deceive or substitute in connection with any examination required, or shall knowingly make use of any registration certificate, number plate or operator's license or badge issued upon an application containing any material false statement of fact shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both. Every such certificate, license plate or badge shall be void from the date of its issue, and shall be surrendered to the Secretary of State upon demand, and any moneys paid for the same shall be forfeited to the State.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 159.

§ 2182. Unlawful use of license or instruction permit

It is a misdemeanor for any person:

1. **Display.** To display or cause to be displayed or have in his possession any revoked, suspended, mutilated, fictitious or fraudulently altered operator's license or instruction permit;

1963, c. 221, § 14.

2. Loan. To lend his operator's license or instruction permit to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

1963, c. 221, § 14.

3. Representation. To display or represent as one's own any operator's license or instruction permit not issued to him; or

1963, c. 221, § 14.

4. Use. To permit any unlawful use of an operator's license or instruction permit issued to him. $(1963, c. 221, \S 14.)$

1961, c. 51; 1963, c. 221, § 14.

§ 2183. Use of improper plates; improper display of plates

No person shall operate a motor vehicle after his license or right to operate has been suspended or revoked, or operate or permit any other person to operate a vehicle while the certificate of registration of such vehicle is suspended or after it has been terminated or canceled, or attach or permit to be attached to a vehicle a number plate assigned to another vehicle, or obscure or permit to be obscured the figures of any number plate attached to any vehicle, or fail to properly display on a vehicle the number plates and registration number duly issued therefor.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 161.

§ 2184. Driving while license suspended or revoked

Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public highway of this State at a time when his privilege to do so is suspended or revoked shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both. Any person convicted of a 2nd or subsequent offense shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 2 days, nor more than 11 months, and in addition thereto, the court may impose a fine as provided. In allegations charging 2nd or subsequent offenses, the certified copy of the prior convictions from the office of the Secretary of State shall be admitted in evidence as proof of the prior convictions.

Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public highway of this State at a time when his privilege to do so is suspended for failure to comply with the Financial Responsibility Law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 161; 1957, c. 250, §§ 4, 5; 1963, c. 148.

§ 2185. Selling or possessing vehicle with no identification marks

Whoever knowingly buys, sells, receives, disposes of, aids in the disposal of, conceals or has in his possession any motor vehicle or trailer from which the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealment or misrepresenting the identity of said vehicle shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 154.

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§ 2186. Tampering with signs; use of closed ways

No person shall remove, injure or tamper with any sign, lights, flares or other signalling or safety device placed by authority of the State Highway Commission or by any local official having charge of the repair and maintenance of ways and bridges; nor shall any person operate any vehicle over a way or bridge which is lawfully closed for construction or repairs and contrary to posted notice whether the work thereon is being done by the State, county or municipality, or by a contractor, unless permit to pass is expressly granted by some person in charge of the work.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 105.

§ 2187. Stopping of traffic by hawkers and vendors forbidden

Whoever, for the purpose of soliciting any alms, contribution or subscription or of selling any merchandise or ticket of admission to any game, show, exhibition, fair, ball, entertainment or public gathering, signals a moving vehicle on any highway, or causes the stopping of a vehicle thereon, or accosts any occupant of a vehicle stopped thereon at the direction of a police officer or signalman, or of a signal or device for regulating traffic, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for 30 days.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 91.

§ 2188. Hitchhiking forbidden

It shall be unlawful for any person while upon any public highway, or the right-of-way of any public highway, to endeavor by words, gestures or otherwise, to beg, invite or secure transportation in any motor vehicle not engaged in passenger carrying for hire, unless said person knows the driver thereof or any passenger therein. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the solicitation of aid in the event of accidents or by persons who are sick or seeking assistance for the sick. The exception for sickness shall apply only in cases of bona fide sickness in which an emergency exists.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 22, § 90.