

CHAPTER 11 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

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1101.1 No person shall lend to another person any temporary registration certificate, registration certificate, identification tag, or temporary identification tag issued to him or her if the person desiring to borrow the same would not be entitled to the use thereof, nor shall any person knowingly permit the use of any of these items by another person not entitled to them, nor shall any person display on a vehicle any temporary registration certificate, identification tag, or temporary identification tag not issued for that vehicle or not otherwise lawfully used on the vehicle under this title.

1101.2 No person shall display in or on any motor vehicle any of the items or documents described in § 1104.4; Provided, that no person shall be liable under this subsection when such items or documents are displayed under the good faith belief that such items or documents are genuine.

1101.3 No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle which displays, on the front or rear thereof, any tag or plate issued by the District, federal, state, territorial or foreign government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof as evidence of the registration of such vehicle, if the registration has expired.

1101.4 No person shall operate or move, or permit the operation or moving of any vehicle displaying dealer's identification or dealer's transport identification tags for the transportation of merchandise for hire or passengers for hire.

1101.5 No dealer's identification nor dealer's transport identification tag shall be used on vehicles used by a dealer for the transportation of merchandise or as service vehicles.

1101.6 No dealer shall permit the operation of a vehicle bearing dealer's identification or dealer's transport identification tags assigned to him by a person who does not hold a valid operator's permit.

1101.7 No dealer's identification nor dealer's transport identification tags shall be used for the purpose of evading the motor vehicle registration requirements for the District of Columbia.

- 1101.8 No special use tag shall be used for any other purpose other than the purpose for which it was issued and shall not be used as a means of evading payment of registration fees due and payable on the date a motor vehicle or trailer was newly acquired by a purchaser.

1103 OFFENSES RELATED TO INSPECTION STICKERS

- 1103.1 No person shall make, issue, or knowingly use any imitation or counterfeit of an official inspection sticker.
- 1103.2 No person shall display or cause or permit to be displayed on any vehicle any approved inspection sticker knowing, or having reason to believe, that the sticker is fictitious, was procured without mechanical inspection, or was issued for another motor vehicle or trailer.
- 1103.3 No person, other than the Director, shall remove or cause to be removed any inspection sticker attached to a motor vehicle by the Director under the provisions of this title.

1104 FALSE STATEMENTS, ALTERATIONS, FORGERY, AND DISHONORED CHECKS

- 1104.1 No person shall make any false statement in any application or other document required by the terms of this title.
- 1104.2 No person shall alter, with fraudulent intent, any registration certificate, temporary registration certificate, license plate or plates, or temporary identification tags, issued by the Department or by any other state or jurisdiction.
- 1104.3 No person shall alter or falsify with fraudulent intent, or forge any assignment of any certificate of title, nor shall any person hold or use any such assignment knowing the same to have been altered, forged, or falsified.
- 1104.4 No person shall forge or counterfeit, make or have made, print or have printed, or have in his or her possession, any item or document which shall purport to be a certificate of title, temporary registration certificate, registration certificate, vehicle identification tag, or revalidation sticker or tab, unless the item was issued by the government of the District of Columbia, or federal, state, territorial, or foreign government (or a political subdivision of one of the foregoing) and is the genuine document or item intended to be issued. No person shall be liable under this subsection when such items are in his or her possession under the good faith belief that the items or documents are genuine.
- 1104.5 A fifty dollar (\$ 50.00) fee shall be imposed on any person who gives or causes to be given in payment of any tax, assessment, fee, charge, or other obligation due the District of Columbia, a check which is dishonored or not duly paid.
- 1104.6 Until the fees and collection charges are paid, no services or products of the Department, including but not limited to, the following items shall be provided to that person:
- (a) Original or duplicate motor vehicle driver's licenses;

- (b) Vehicle identification tags;
- (c) Special use tags;
- (d) Original or duplicate registration certificates;
- (e) Temporary registration certificates; or
- (f) Original or duplicate certificates of title.

1110 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

- 1110.1 Any person violating any provision of any of the following sections or subsections shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$ 300) or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days, or both:
- (a) Sections 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, or 1105 of this chapter;
 - (b) Subsection 200.1 of chapter 2 (which requires school bus drivers to be licensed);
 - (c) Subsection 500.2 of chapter 5 (which requires motor vehicle dealers to be licensed);
 - (d) Subsection 900.1 of chapter 9 (which requires driving instructors to be licensed);
 - (e) Subsection 1200.8 of chapter 12 (which prohibits tampering with a bicycle locked or placed in a rack, or otherwise secured); or
 - (f) Subsection 2403.4 of chapter 24 (which prohibits unauthorized use of an emergency parking permit).
- 1110.2 Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain or who aids, assists, or attempts to aid or assist another person to obtain a license by misrepresentation, or who permits his or her motor vehicle license to be used by any person other than the one to whom issued, or who changes the name of the licensee appearing on any such license, or who makes any other alteration on such license, or who uses the license of another, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$ 300) or imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days.
- 1110.3 Any person whose license has been suspended or revoked, and who, after due notice of such suspension or revocation, shall refuse to deliver such suspended or revoked license or duplicate thereof or both to the Director within the time specified in such notice of suspension or revocation, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$ 100).
- 1110.4 Any person found guilty of violating any provision of § 736 of this title (which prohibits possession or use of radar detectors and jammers) shall, upon conviction of the violation, be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$ 300).
- 1110.5 Any person violating any provision of § 1100 of this chapter or any other provision of this title for which a penalty is not specifically provided shall, upon determination of liability for the violation be subject to a civil fine or other sanction(s), pursuant to the provisions of the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act.