

CHAPTER 217

AN ACT concerning motor vehicle titles, amending R.S.39:10-24 and supplementing chapter 21 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. R.S.39:10-24 is amended to read as follows:

Violations of chapter; penalties.

39:10-24. A person who purposely or knowingly violates a provision of this chapter for which a specific penalty is not provided herein shall be subject to the penalty provided in section 2 of P.L.2003, c.217 (C.2C:21-4.8).

C.2C:21-4.8 Motor vehicle title offenses, grading.

2. a. A person who purposely or knowingly violates a provision of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, for which a specific penalty is not provided in that chapter or this section, shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

b. A person who purposely or knowingly commits the following violations of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes shall be guilty of a crime of the third degree:

(1) Makes a misrepresentation or false statement in any title papers or other papers submitted to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in connection therewith;

(2) Purchases, receives or obtains a motor vehicle on a title paper in violation of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes;

(3) Forges, changes or counterfeits a part of title papers;

(4) Misrepresents a number placed on a motor vehicle by the manufacturer, or in any other manner misrepresents the description of a motor vehicle; or

(5) Uses title papers on or for a wrong motor vehicle, with intent to evade or violate the requirements of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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