GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 471

Short Title:	Selling Motor Vehicle Registrations Unlawful.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Cotham, Mackey, Lewis, Tillis (Primary Sponsors); K. Alexander, M. Alexander, Blackwood, Boles, Carney, Dollar, Gulley, Harrison, Holloway, Jackson, Langdon, Lucas, McCormick, Samuelson, Stam, R. Warren, and Wray.	
Referred to:	Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary III.	

March 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE THE SALE OF A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATE TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT A BONA FIDE PURCHASER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNLAWFUL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-79.1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) A dealer shall:

(1) Not issue, assign, transfer, <u>sell,</u> or deliver temporary registration plates or markers to anyone other than a bona fide purchaser or owner of a vehicle which he has sold.

(2) Not issue a temporary registration plate or marker without first obtaining from the purchaser or owner a written application for titling and registration of the vehicle and the applicable fees.

(3) Within 10 working days, mail or deliver the application and fees to the Division or deliver the application and fees to a local license agency for processing. Delivery need not be made if the contract for sale has been rescinded in writing by all parties to the contract.

(4) Not deliver a temporary registration plate to anyone purchasing a vehicle that has an unexpired registration plate that is to be transferred to the purchaser.

(5) Not lend to anyone, or use on any vehicle that he may own, any temporary registration plates or markers.

A dealer may issue temporary markers, without obtaining the written application for titling and registration or collecting the applicable fees, to nonresidents for the purpose of removing the vehicle <u>sold by the dealer</u> from the State."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"<u>(l) It shall be unlawful for any person not authorized to possess or sell a temporary registration plate to possess, sell, transfer, or deliver a temporary registration plate to any other person. A violation of this subsection is a Class 1 misdemeanor.</u>"

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.