## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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Short Title: License Revocation Penalties.

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Sponsors: Representatives Brown; Folwell, Hurley, Lewis, McGee, and Tillis.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

January 30, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR ALLOWING A PERSON TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE THE OPERATOR'S LICENSE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REVOKE ALL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED TO A PERSON WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-34 reads as rewritten:

## "§ 20-34. Unlawful to permit violations of this Article.

No person shall authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by him or under his control to be driven by any person who has no legal right to do so or in violation of any of the provisions of this Article. <u>In addition to the penalty set out in G.S. 20-35(a)</u>, any person found guilty of violating this section shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)."

**SECTION 2.** Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

## "§ 20-35.1. Duty of Division upon revocation.

If any person shall have their drivers license or driving privilege suspended or revoked by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Division of Motor Vehicles, for any reason, the Division shall immediately revoke any registration plate issued to the same person for a period of time equal to that period of time the person's drivers license or diving privilege is suspended or revoked. The revocation and seizure of such plates shall be in accordance with G.S. 20-45."

**SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. Section 2 of this act is effective when it becomes law.