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HOUSE BILL 471
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Short Title: Selling Motor Vehicle Registrations Unlawful.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE THE SALE OF A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATE TO A
3 PERSON WHO IS NOT A BONA FIDE PURCHASER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
4 UNLAWFUL.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(d) A dealer shall:

- 8 (1) Not issue, assign, transfer, sell, or deliver temporary registration plates or
9 markers to anyone other than a bona fide purchaser or owner of a vehicle
10 which he has sold.
11 (2) Not issue a temporary registration plate or marker without first obtaining
12 from the purchaser or owner a written application for titling and registration
13 of the vehicle and the applicable fees.
14 (3) Within 10 working days, mail or deliver the application and fees to the
15 Division or deliver the application and fees to a local license agency for
16 processing. Delivery need not be made if the contract for sale has been
17 rescinded in writing by all parties to the contract.
18 (4) Not deliver a temporary registration plate to anyone purchasing a vehicle
19 that has an unexpired registration plate that is to be transferred to the
20 purchaser.
21 (5) Not lend to anyone, or use on any vehicle that he may own, any temporary
22 registration plates or markers.

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

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

27 "(1) It shall be unlawful for any person not authorized to possess or sell a temporary
28 registration plate to possess, sell, transfer, or deliver a temporary registration plate to any other
29 person. A violation of this subsection is a Class 2 misdemeanor."

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

