

CHAPTER 60.

[H. B. 211.]

PROHIBITING REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF IDENTIFYING NUMBERS ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS.

AN ACT to prohibit the removal, defacement, covering, alteration, or destruction of the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark on motor vehicles and motor boats and providing penalties for a violation thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Purchase,
sale, or
possession
unlawful
when serial
number
altered.

SECTION 1. Whoever knowingly buys, sells, receives, disposes of, conceals, or has in his possession any motor vehicle or motor boat from which the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealment or misrepresenting the identity of the said motor vehicle or motor boat shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Possession
prima facie
evidence of
guilt.

SEC. 2. In any prosecution under the provisions of section 1 of this act evidence that any person has, or at the time of his arrest charged with the violation of said section 1 had in his possession any motor vehicle or motor boat from which the manufacturer's serial number or numbers or other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed shall constitute *prima facie* proof of the guilt of such person.

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