

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 21: Crimes and Punishments

Part IX. Boating Safety

Chapter 80: Boating Safety Act of 2021

§ 4209.2. Removing or falsifying identification number of vessel or motor--Penalties

Cite as: 21 CNCA § 4209.2

A. As used in this section:

1. "Identification number" includes any identifying number, serial number, motor serial number or other distinguishing number or mark, placed on a vessel or motor by its manufacturer or by authority of an appropriate registering jurisdiction in accordance with the laws of another tribe, state, or country;

2. "Remove" includes deface, cover and destroy; and

3. "Falsify" includes alter and forge.

B. Any person or persons who shall remove or falsify or cause to be removed or falsified the hull identification number of a vessel or motor in this Nation, without first giving notice of such act to the registering jurisdiction, upon such form as such jurisdiction may prescribe, or any person who shall give a wrong description in any application for the registration of any vessel or motor in this Nation for the purpose of concealing or hiding the identity of such vessel or motor, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

C. A person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes of a vessel or motor, knowing that the identification number of the vessel or motor has been removed or falsified, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. A person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes of a vessel or motor, knowing that the identification number of the vessel or motor has been removed or falsified and with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of the vessel or motor, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

E. An identification number may be placed on a vessel or motor by its manufacturer in the regular course of business or placed or restored on a vehicle or engine by authority of the Commission without violating this section. An identification number so placed or restored is not falsified.

Historical Data

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