

§ 130A-310.55. (Repealed effective June 30, 2031) Violations of Article; enforcement.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to do any of the following:

- (1) Knowingly flatten, crush, bale, shred, or otherwise alter the condition of a vehicle from which accessible mercury switches have not been removed, in any manner that would prevent or significantly hinder the removal of a mercury switch.
- (2) Willfully fail to remove a mercury switch when the person is required to do so.
- (3) Knowingly make a false report that a mercury switch has been removed from an end-of-life vehicle.
- (4) Obtain a mercury switch from another source and falsely report that it was removed from a vehicle processed for recycling.

(b) Any person who violates subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be punished as provided in G.S. 14-3.

(c) Any person who violates subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in G.S. 130A-26.2.

(d) A violation of any provision of this Part, any rule adopted pursuant to this Part, or any rule governing universal waste may be enforced by an administrative or civil action as provided in Part 2 of Article 1 of this Chapter. (2005-384, s. 1; 2006-255, s. 5; 2007-142, ss. 5, 9; 2016-94, s. 14.1(a); 2017-57, s. 13.21(a); 2020-74, s. 7(a).)