

CHAPTER 301

LEASED AND RENTED VEHICLES

S. F. 274

AN ACT relating to leased and rented vehicles offenses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter four hundred fourteen (414), Acts of the Sixty-
2 second General Assembly, amending chapter seven hundred ten (710), Code
3 1966, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

4 1. "Whoever rents or leases any motor vehicle, as defined under section
5 three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1) of the Code, with intent to de-
6 fraud, alter, or attempt to alter the odometer or other instrument which
7 records the distance traveled by the vehicle, shall be punished by impris-
8 onment in the county jail for not less than six months and not more than
9 one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both."

10 2. "Whoever, after renting a motor vehicle, as defined under section three
11 hundred twenty-one point one (321.1) of the Code, from any person or per-
12 sons under an agreement to pay for the use of such vehicle a sum of money
13 determinable either in whole or in part upon the distance such vehicle
14 travels during the period for which hired, removes, attempts to remove,
15 tampers with, or attempts to tamper with, or otherwise interferes with
16 any odometer or other mechanical device attached to said hired vehicle
17 for the purpose of registering the distance such vehicle travels, with the
18 intent to deceive the person or persons letting such vehicle or their lawful
19 agent as to the actual distance traveled thereby, shall be guilty of a mis-
20 demeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the
21 county jail for not less than six months and not more than one year, or
22 by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both."

23 3. "Whoever, after consenting to the use of a motor vehicle, as defined
24 under section three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1) of the Code,
25 under a written agreement to redeliver the same to the person letting such
26 vehicle or his agent, shall, with intent to defraud, abandon such vehicle
27 or willfully refuse or willfully neglect to redeliver such vehicle as agreed,
28 shall be guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment in the peniten-
29 tiary for not more than one year or by fine not to exceed one thousand
30 dollars, or both. If the person letting the vehicle has performed all of his
31 obligations under the agreement, the failure to return the vehicle within
32 seventy-two hours of the time agreed shall be evidence of such abandon-
33 ment or willful refusal or willful neglect to redeliver such vehicle."

Approved April 18, 1969.