

215.37 MIRRORS - WHEN INSIDE MIRROR WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE.<sup>1</sup>

The motor vehicle law provides that when a motor vehicle, operated on a [street] [highway], is so constructed or loaded as to render an inside rearview mirror ineffective, it must be equipped with a mirror of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, located<sup>2</sup> so as to reflect to the driver a view of the [street] [highway] to the rear of such vehicle.

A violation of this law is not negligence within itself. However, the evidence with regard to it is to be considered with all other facts in evidence in determining whether (*name driver*) was negligent.

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1. Loading a vehicle with passengers or property in such a way as to obstruct the driver's view or otherwise impair proper operation may be negligence. See N.C.P.I.-Civil 215.50.

2. Note that all vehicles manufactured, assembled and first sold on or after January 1, 1966, and registered in North Carolina require an outside mirror. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-126(b). Violation of this statute is negligence *per se*. In such event, use N.C.P.I.-Civil 215.38. All vehicles are required to have inside mirrors. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-126(a) and N.C.P.I.-Civil 215.35.