

N.C.P.I.-Motor Vehicle 220.20  
KNOWINGLY PERMITTING ONE TO OPERATE A VEHICLE WITHOUT A  
LICENSE-GENERAL PROVISION.  
MOTOR VEHICLE VOLUME  
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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-34  
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A LICENSE - GENERAL PROVISION. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-34.<sup>1</sup>

The motor vehicle law provides that no person shall authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle [owned by *him*] [under *his* control] to be operated by any person in violation of the motor vehicle laws.<sup>2</sup>

Authorizing or knowingly permitting a person without a license to operate a motor vehicle is negligence within itself.

However, a finding of such negligence does not alone establish a causal connection between it and [the collision] [(*describe other occurrence*)]. Such negligence would not be a proximate cause if the operation of the vehicle was otherwise in accordance with the duties imposed by law.<sup>3</sup>

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1. See also N.C.P.I.-Civil 220.21.

2. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-34 provides: "No person shall authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by him or under his control to be driven by any person *who has no legal right to do so* or in violation of any of the provisions of this article." (Emphasis supplied.)

3. See *Hoke v. Greyhound Corp.*, 226 N.C. 692, 40 S.E.2d 345 (1946).