

MIRRORS--WHEN INSIDE MIRROR WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE.¹ G.S. 20-126(a).

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 rear-view mirror ineffective, it must be equipped with a mirror of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, located² 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.

¹Loading 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.

²Note that all vehicles manufactured, assembled and first sold on or after January 1, 1966, and registered in North Carolina require an outside mirror. G.S. 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 G.S. 20-126(a) and N.C.P.I.--Civil 215.35.

