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## OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with failing to have financial responsibility while operating (a) (motor vehicle).

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove four things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that the defendant was the owner of a motor vehicle;

<u>Second</u>, that the defendant registered<sup>1</sup> this motor vehicle with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles;

<u>Third</u>, that the defendant [operated this motor vehicle] [permitted this motor vehicle to be operated] in North Carolina;

<u>And Fourth</u>, that the defendant failed to maintain financial responsibility continuously throughout the period of registration<sup>2</sup> in the amounts of (insert amount) as required by North Carolina law.

<sup>1</sup> The State also applies to an owner of a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State, even though it is not registered. For a full list of requirements for vehicle registration in North Carolina, please see: http://www.dmv.com/nc/north-carolina/vehicle-registration.

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If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant was the owner of a motor vehicle, that the defendant registered this motor vehicle with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, that the defendant [operated this motor vehicle] [permitted this motor vehicle to be operated] in North Carolina, and that the defendant failed to maintain financial responsibility continuously throughout the period of registration in the amounts of (insert amount) as required by North Carolina law, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, then it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.