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Enacts a new Article 18 in GS Chapter 20. Creates three new felonies, which are punished as Class G felonies for first offenses, and Class F felonies for second or subsequent offenses. Pursuant to these changes, it is a felony to: (1) own, operate, or conduct a chop shop, to transport a motor vehicle or part to or from a location knowing it to be a chop shop, or sell, transfer, purchase, or receive a motor vehicle or part either to or from a location knowing it to be a chop shop; (2) knowingly alter, counterfeit, deface, destroy, disguise, falsify, forge, obliterate, or remove a vehicle identification number, or cause any of the above to be done, with the intent to misrepresent the identity or prevent the identification of a motor vehicle or part; (3) buy, dispose, sell, transfer, or possess a motor vehicle or part with the knowledge that the vehicle identification number has been altered, counterfeited, defaced, destroyed, disguised, falsified, forged, obliterated, or removed, subject to exceptions. Requires restitution. Provides for the seizure of the motor vehicles, tools, implements, and other instrumentalities of the crime. Authorizes civil actions by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or any aggrieved party seeking relief for violations and specifies available relief. Effective December 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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