

1 19A NCAC 03D .0535 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03D .0535 STEERING MECHANISM**

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5 (a) The inspection mechanic must raise the vehicle to ~~get beneath to~~ check the steering mechanism.

6 (b) The steering mechanism shall not be approved if:

7 (1) ~~With with~~ front wheels in straight ahead position there is more than three inches of free play in

8 steering wheels up to 18 inches in diameter or more than four inches of free play in steering

9 wheels over 18 inches in diameter. If vehicle is equipped with power steering, the engine must be

10 ~~operating-operating~~;

11 (2) ~~Either either~~ front or rear springs are noticeably sagging or ~~broken-broken~~;

12 (3) ~~The the~~ front wheels or front end assembly is loose, bent or twisted or bolts, nuts or rivets are

13 loose or ~~missing-missing~~;

14 (4) ~~Power power~~ steering system shows visible leaks or the power steering belt is loose or ~~worn-worn~~;

15 (5) vehicle frame or component of the steering mechanism is rusted to the point of mechanical

16 failure; or

17 (6) shock or strut is leaking to the point of failure which will inhibit the steering of the vehicle.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-39; ~~20-183.3(4)~~; 20-183.3(a)(4);*

20 *Eff. October 1, ~~1994~~.1994;*

21 *Readopted Eff. _____, 2021.*