
HOUSE BILL No. 1173

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-73.5; IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-38.5.

Synopsis: Hoosier veteran license plates. Creates a Hoosier veteran license plate and specifies that the plate is not a special group recognition license plate. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to terminate the issuance of the Hoosier veteran license plate formerly issued as a special group recognition license plate.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 8, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-73.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 73.5. "Hoosier veteran", for purposes of IC 9-18-47,**
 4 **has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-47-1.**
 5 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-1999,
 6 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or
 8 lessee of a:
 9 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
 10 (2) motorcycle;
 11 (3) recreational vehicle; or
 12 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
 13 not more than:
 14 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
 15 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
 16 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
 17 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original



1 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
 2 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
 3 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.

4 (b) A person who:

5 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in
 6 subsection (a); and

7 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

8 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

9 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);

10 (C) IC 9-18-19 (purple heart license plates);

11 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana national guard license plates);

12 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana guard reserve license plates);

13 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

14 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

15 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

16 (I) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

17 (J) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

18 (K) IC 9-18-30 (children's trust license plates);

19 (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

20 (M) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

21 (N) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

22 (O) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

23 (P) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

24 (Q) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

25 (R) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

26 (S) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license
 27 plates);

28 (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license
 29 plates);

30 (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

31 (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

32 (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

33 (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

34 (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American Trust license
 35 plates);

36 (Z) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates); ~~or~~

37 (AA) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust
 38 license plates); **or**

39 **(BB) IC 9-18-47 (Hoosier veteran license plates);**

40 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed
 41 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular
 42 special recognition license plate.

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1 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-1999,
 2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- 4 (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- 5 (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- 6 (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- 7 (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- 8 (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- 9 (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- 10 (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- 11 (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- 12 (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- 13 (10) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).

14 **(11) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-47).**

15 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 16 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2003]:

18 **Chapter 47. Hoosier Veteran License Plates**

19 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Hoosier veteran" means a**
 20 **person who has served in the United States armed forces or their**
 21 **reserves and has received an honorable discharge from service.**

22 **Sec. 2. The bureau shall design a Hoosier veteran license plate**
 23 **to be issued beginning January 1, 2004.**

24 **Sec. 3. A Hoosier veteran license plate must include the**
 25 **following:**

- 26 (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or
- 27 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.
- 28 (2) A background design or colors that designate the license
- 29 plate as a Hoosier veteran license plate.
- 30 (3) An area upon the plate for display of an emblem denoting
- 31 the branch of service or conflict in which the Hoosier veteran
- 32 served.
- 33 (4) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

34 **Sec. 4. The bureau shall confer with members of armed forces**
 35 **retiree organizations concerning the design of the Hoosier veteran**
 36 **license plate and the emblems denoting the branch of service in**
 37 **which the veteran served.**

38 **Sec. 5. A Hoosier veteran license plate issued under this chapter**
 39 **may be displayed on the following:**

- 40 (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- 41 (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight
- 42 of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.

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1 **(3) A recreational vehicle.**

2 **Sec. 6. A person who is a resident of Indiana and a Hoosier**
 3 **veteran and who is eligible to register a vehicle under this title may**
 4 **apply for and receive one (1) or more Hoosier veteran license**
 5 **plates upon doing the following:**

6 **(1) Completing an application for a Hoosier veteran license**
 7 **plate.**

8 **(2) Presenting:**

9 **(A) a United States Uniformed Services Retiree**
 10 **Identification Card;**

11 **(B) a DD 214 record; or**

12 **(C) United States military discharge papers;**
 13 **to the bureau.**

14 **(3) Paying the fee under section 7 of this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 7. The fee for a Hoosier veteran license plate is the**
 16 **appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38.5.**

17 SECTION 5. IC 9-29-5-38.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 18 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 19 1, 2003]: **Sec. 38.5. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-47 is subject**
 20 **to an annual registration fee and any other fee or tax required of**
 21 **a person registering a vehicle under this title.**

22 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **(a) Effective January**
 23 **1, 2004, the bureau of motor vehicles shall terminate the issuance**
 24 **of the Hoosier Veteran license plate issued as a special group**
 25 **recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25.**

26 **(b) Notwithstanding IC 9-18-47-6(2), as added by this act, a**
 27 **person who had been issued a Hoosier Veteran license plate issued**
 28 **as a special group recognition license plate by the bureau of motor**
 29 **vehicles in the year 2003 is not required to present:**

30 **(1) a United States Uniformed Services Retiree Identification**
 31 **Card;**

32 **(2) a DD 214 record; or**

33 **(3) United States military discharge papers;**
 34 **to the bureau upon application for a Hoosier veteran license plate**
 35 **under IC 9-18-47-6.**

36 **(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2004.**

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