
HOUSE BILL No. 1279

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-37.5.

Synopsis: In God We Trust license plates. Creates an In God We Trust license plate and specifies that it is not a special group recognition license plate. Removes a reference to an obsolete license plate and repeals the statute creating the obsolete license plate.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 13, 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 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-1999,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or
4 lessee of a:
5 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
6 (2) motorcycle;
7 (3) recreational vehicle; or
8 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
9 not more than:
10 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
11 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
12 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
13 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
14 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
15 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
16 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.
17 (b) A person who:



- 1 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in
 2 subsection (a); and
 3 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:
 4 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);
 5 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);
 6 (C) IC 9-18-19 (purple heart license plates);
 7 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana national guard license plates);
 8 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana guard reserve license plates);
 9 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);
 10 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);
 11 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);
 12 (I) **IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);**
 13 (J) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);
 14 ~~(K)~~ (K) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);
 15 ~~(L)~~ (L) IC 9-18-30 (children's trust license plates);
 16 ~~(M)~~ (M) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);
 17 ~~(N)~~ (N) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);
 18 ~~(O)~~ (O) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);
 19 ~~(P)~~ (P) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);
 20 ~~(Q)~~ (Q) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);
 21 ~~(R)~~ (R) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);
 22 ~~(S)~~ (S) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);
 23 ~~(S)~~ IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license
 24 plates);
 25 (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license
 26 plates);
 27 (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);
 28 (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);
 29 (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);
 30 (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);
 31 (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American Trust license
 32 plates);
 33 (Z) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates); or
 34 (AA) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust
 35 license plates);

36 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed
 37 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular
 38 special recognition license plate.

39 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-24.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 40 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2003]:

42 **Chapter 24.5. In God We Trust License Plates**



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1 **Sec. 1. The bureau shall design an In God We Trust license plate**
 2 **to be issued beginning January 1, 2004.**

3 **Sec. 2. An In God We Trust license plate must include the**
 4 **following:**

5 **(1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or**
 6 **letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.**

7 **(2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate**
 8 **the license plate as an In God We Trust license plate.**

9 **(3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**

10 **Sec. 3. A license plate issued under this chapter may be**
 11 **displayed on the following:**

12 **(1) A passenger motor vehicle.**

13 **(2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight**
 14 **of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.**

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

16 **Sec. 4. A person who is a resident of Indiana and who is eligible**
 17 **to register and display a license plate upon a vehicle under this title**
 18 **may apply for and receive one (1) or more In God We Trust license**
 19 **plates after December 31, 2003, upon doing the following:**

20 **(1) Completing an application for an In God We Trust license**
 21 **plate.**

22 **(2) Paying the fee under section 5 of this chapter.**

23 **Sec. 5. The fee for an In God We Trust license plate is the**
 24 **appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-37.5.**

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

28 (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).

29 (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).

30 (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).

31 (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).

32 (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).

33 (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).

34 (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).

35 (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).

36 (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).

37 **(10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).**

38 **(11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).**

39 SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-37.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 40 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 41 1, 2003]: **Sec. 37.5. (a) The fee to register a motor vehicle under**
 42 **IC 9-18-24.5 is as follows:**

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- 1 **(1) The applicable excise tax imposed under IC 6-6-5.**
- 2 **(2) The regular motor vehicle registration fee imposed under**
- 3 **this chapter.**
- 4 **(3) An annual supplemental fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).**
- 5 **(4) Any other fee or tax required of a person registering a**
- 6 **vehicle under this title.**
- 7 **(b) The bureau shall distribute all money collected under the**
- 8 **annual supplemental fee under subsection (a)(3) into the state**
- 9 **license branch fund under IC 9-29-14.**
- 10 SECTION 5. IC 9-18-38 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 11 2003].

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