
HOUSE BILL No. 1237

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18-2-48; IC 9-18-12.

Synopsis: Antique car license plates. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design a new license plate for antique motor vehicles. Authorizes a person who registers an antique motor vehicle to display a model year license plate on the antique motor vehicle in certain circumstances.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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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 9-18-2-48 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 48. (a) The
3 commissioner may enter into a contract or an agreement authorizing a
4 person to create and use a reproduction of a license plate issued under
5 this article.

6 (b) **Except as provided in IC 9-18-12-2.5**, a person may not create
7 or use a reproduction of a license plate issued under this article unless
8 the creation or use of the reproduction is expressly authorized in
9 writing by the commissioner. The commissioner may impose under
10 IC 4-21.5 a civil penalty upon a person who violates this subsection.

11 The amount of a civil penalty imposed under this subsection:

- 12 (1) shall be determined by the commissioner; and
- 13 (2) may not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

14 (c) Money paid to the bureau as:

- 15 (1) compensation to the state under a contract or an agreement
- 16 entered into under subsection (a); or
- 17 (2) a civil penalty imposed under subsection (b);



1 shall be collected and deposited according to IC 9-29-1-1.

2 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-12-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) The bureau shall
4 issue one (1) license plate to the person who owns an antique motor
5 vehicle that is registered under this chapter.

6 ~~(b)~~ A license plate for an antique motor vehicle shall be:

7 ~~(1)~~ manufactured of embossed steel; and

8 ~~(2)~~ painted a cream color.

9 ~~(c)~~ The lettering imprinted on a license plate issued under this
10 chapter shall:

11 ~~(1)~~ be painted in red;

12 ~~(2)~~ contain:

13 ~~(A)~~

14 **(b) The bureau shall design the license plate issued under this**
15 **chapter. The license plate must:**

16 **(1) contain** the registration number assigned to the registration
17 certificate by the bureau; **and**

18 ~~(B)~~ **(2) include** the words "Historic "Collector Motor Vehicle,
19 State of Indiana"; and

20 **(3) indicate** the year for which the antique motor vehicle has been
21 registered.

22 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** Instead of issuing a new license plate each time that an
23 antique motor vehicle is registered, the bureau may issue to the person
24 who owns the antique motor vehicle a tag or sticker that indicates the
25 year for which the motor vehicle has been registered.

26 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** A license plate issued under this chapter shall be securely
27 attached to the rear of an antique motor vehicle.

28 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-12-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
29 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
30 1, 2005]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) A person who registers an antique motor**
31 **vehicle under this chapter may display on the antique motor**
32 **vehicle a license plate from the model year of the antique motor**
33 **vehicle instead of a license plate issued under this chapter.**

34 **(b) A model year license plate described in subsection (a) must**
35 **be:**

36 **(1) an authentic license plate from the model year of the**
37 **antique motor vehicle; or**

38 **(2) a reproduction of an authentic license plate from the**
39 **model year of the antique motor vehicle that is identical to the**
40 **authentic license plate in material, size, form, and color.**

41 **(c) A model year license plate described in subsection (a) may be**
42 **displayed instead of a license plate issued under this chapter only**

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1 while the antique motor vehicle is participating in a:
 2 (1) parade; or
 3 (2) procession consisting solely of antique motor vehicles in
 4 which the antique motor vehicles are operated on a designated
 5 route intended to publicly display the antique motor vehicles.
 6 The current certificate of registration and the license plate issued
 7 under this chapter for the antique motor vehicle must be kept in
 8 the antique motor vehicle and made available for inspection upon
 9 demand by a law enforcement officer. Notwithstanding
 10 IC 9-18-2-21, this subsection is not satisfied by keeping a
 11 reproduction of the certificate of registration in the vehicle or
 12 making a reproduction of the certificate of registration available
 13 for inspection.
 14 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] Notwithstanding
 15 IC 9-18-12-2, as amended by this act, the issuance of:
 16 (1) an existing historic motor vehicle license plate must occur
 17 for an antique motor vehicle registered under IC 9-18-12
 18 before January 1, 2006; and
 19 (2) a newly designed collector motor vehicle license plate must
 20 occur for an antique motor vehicle registered under
 21 IC 9-18-12 after December 31, 2005.

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