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# SENATE BILL No. 457

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13-2; IC 9-18; IC 9-29-3-19.

**Synopsis:** Various motor vehicle registration matters. Removes provisions: (1) requiring the bureau of motor vehicles to adopt rules providing that a license plate issued for certain vehicles be valid for five years; and (2) requiring that a registration for a personalized license plate must be completed before May 1 of each year. Requires the reservation of a low numbered motor vehicle registration plate or a special numbered motor vehicle registration plate to be completed before October 31 of the year before issuance or renewal of the low numbered vehicle registration plate or the special numbered motor vehicle registration plate. Requires the bureau to adopt rules providing that a special group that is not currently participating in the special group recognition license plate program be eligible to petition the bureau for qualification in participation in the special group recognition license plate program under certain time frames. Makes technical corrections. Removes outdated language.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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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 9-13-2-94.4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 94.4. "Low numbered
- 3 motor vehicle registration plate" ~~for purposes of IC 9-29-3-19; has the~~
- 4 ~~meaning set forth in IC 9-29-3-19; means any motor vehicle~~
- 5 **registration plate numbered from one (1) to one hundred (100).**
- 6 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-170.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 170.5. "Special
- 8 numbered motor vehicle registration plate" ~~for purposes of~~
- 9 ~~IC 9-29-3-19; has the meaning set forth in IC 9-29-3-19; means any~~
- 10 **plate, other than a low numbered motor vehicle registration plate,**
- 11 **requested for issuance out of its established numerical sequence.**
- 12 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-2-28, AS AMENDED BY P.L.103-2006,
- 13 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 14 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 28. Notwithstanding any other law, ~~license low~~
- 15 **numbered motor vehicle registration** plates for:
- 16 (1) passenger motor vehicles;
- 17 (2) recreational vehicles;



1 (3) motor vehicles registered to disabled veterans under  
2 IC 9-18-18; or

3 (4) motor vehicles registered to former prisoners of war under  
4 IC 9-18-17;

5 that contain any of the numerals 1 through 100 following the prefix  
6 numbers and letter shall be issued biennially by the bureau. A  
7 **reservation of a low numbered motor vehicle registration plate or**  
8 **a special numbered motor vehicle registration plate must be**  
9 **completed by October 31 of the year before issuance or renewal of**  
10 **the low numbered motor vehicle registration plate.**

11 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-2-47, AS AMENDED BY P.L.103-2006,  
12 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 47. (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules under  
14 IC 4-22-2 prescribing the cycle for the issuance and replacement of  
15 license plates under this article. ~~The rules adopted under this section~~  
16 ~~shall provide that a license plate for a vehicle issued under this article~~  
17 ~~is valid for five (5) years:~~

18 (b) The rules adopted under this section do not apply to:

19 (1) low digit license plates issued under section 28 of this chapter;

20 (2) truck license plates issued under section 4.5 or 18 of this  
21 chapter;

22 (3) (1) general assembly and other state official license plates  
23 issued under IC 9-18-16; and

24 (4) (2) personalized license plates issued under IC 9-18-15.

25 SECTION 5. IC 9-18-15-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 15. (a) Applications for  
27 personalized license plates shall be accepted at any time for initial  
28 issuance of the plates for the following year.

29 (b) Notwithstanding IC 9-18-2-7 and IC 9-18-2-8, a person who is  
30 the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle who is issued a personalized  
31 license plate shall be required to register the vehicle before May 1 of  
32 each year.

33 SECTION 6. IC 9-18-25-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) The bureau shall  
35 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the requirements to qualify for  
36 participation in the special group recognition license plate program.  
37 **The rules must provide that beginning January 1, 2011, and each**  
38 **successive five (5) year period beginning January 1, 2016, a special**  
39 **group that is not currently participating in the special group**  
40 **recognition license plate program shall be eligible to petition the**  
41 **bureau**

42 (b) Representatives of a special group shall petition the bureau to

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1 ~~qualify~~ for **qualification in** participation in the special group  
2 recognition license plate program.

3 ~~(e)~~ **(b)** Each petition submitted under this section must contain the  
4 printed name, address, and signature of at least five hundred (500)  
5 members of the special group who pledge to purchase the special group  
6 recognition license plate if a special group recognition license plate is  
7 issued for the group under this chapter.

8 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** When a petition containing the information required in  
9 subsection ~~(e)~~ **(b)** is submitted to the bureau, the bureau may design  
10 and issue a special group recognition license plate that designates a  
11 vehicle as being registered under this chapter by a person (as defined  
12 in IC 9-13-2-124) who is a member of the special group.

13 SECTION 7. IC 9-29-3-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2006,  
14 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 19. ~~(a)~~ As used in this section, "low numbered  
16 motor vehicle registration plate" means any motor vehicle registration  
17 plate numbered from one ~~(1)~~ to one hundred ~~(100)~~ before or after the  
18 county designation number or letter series designation, or both.

19 ~~(b)~~ **(a)** As used in this section, "pull service charge" refers to the  
20 charge that the commission may require for a requested low numbered  
21 motor vehicle registration plate or a special numbered motor vehicle  
22 registration plate.

23 ~~(c)~~ As used in this section, "special numbered motor vehicle  
24 registration plate" means any plate, other than a low numbered motor  
25 vehicle registration plate, requested for issuance out of its established  
26 numerical sequence.

27 ~~(d)~~ **(b)** Subject to subsections ~~(e)~~ **(c)** and ~~(f)~~ **(d)** and with the  
28 approval of the commission, the bureau may adopt rules under  
29 IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

- 30 (1) Increase or decrease any of the service charges listed in
- 31 sections 1 through 18 of this chapter.
- 32 (2) Impose a service charge on any other license branch service
- 33 that is not listed in sections 1 through 18 of this chapter.
- 34 (3) Increase or decrease a service charge imposed under
- 35 subdivision (2).

36 ~~(e)~~ **(c)** The bureau's authority to adopt rules under subsection ~~(d)~~ **(b)**  
37 is subject to the condition that a service charge must be uniform  
38 throughout all license branches and at all partial service locations in  
39 Indiana.

40 ~~(f)~~ **(d)** The bureau may not impose a pull service charge for a  
41 requested passenger motor vehicle registration plate containing the  
42 numbers set forth in IC 9-18-2-28 for a motor vehicle:

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1 (1) issued a license plate under IC 9-18-17 that designates the  
2 motor vehicle as being owned by a former prisoner of war or by  
3 the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war; or  
4 (2) ~~after December 31, 2006,~~ issued a license plate under  
5 IC 9-18-19 that designates the motor vehicle as being owned by  
6 a person who has received a Purple Heart decoration.  
7 ~~(g)~~ (e) The bureau may not impose a pull service charge of more  
8 than fifteen dollars (\$15) for a requested motor vehicle registration  
9 plate issued under IC 9-18-25 for a special group recognition license  
10 plate that commemorates the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark  
11 expedition.

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