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# SENATE BILL No. 115

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-38.7.

**Synopsis:** Don't Tread on Me license plate. Establishes the Don't Tread on Me license plate (plate). Specifies that: (1) the plate must bear a depiction of a coiled snake; (2) the plate is not a special group license plate; and (3) the cost for the plate is an annual registration fee for a vehicle of the same classification and any other fee or tax required of a person registering a vehicle.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 5, 2011, 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 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2010,
- 2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2011]: 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 eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
  - 10 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
  - 11 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
  - 12 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
  - 13 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.
  - 14 (b) A person who:
    - 15 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in
    - 16 subsection (a); and
    - 17 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:



- 1 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);  
 2 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates);  
 3 (C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);  
 4 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);  
 5 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);  
 6 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);  
 7 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);  
 8 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);  
 9 (I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);  
 10 (J) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);  
 11 (K) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);  
 12 (L) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);  
 13 (M) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);  
 14 (N) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);  
 15 (O) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);  
 16 (P) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);  
 17 (Q) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);  
 18 (R) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);  
 19 (S) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);  
 20 (T) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license  
 21 plates);  
 22 (U) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license  
 23 plates);  
 24 (V) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);  
 25 (W) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);  
 26 (X) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);  
 27 (Y) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);  
 28 (Z) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);  
 29 (AA) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);  
 30 (BB) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust  
 31 license plates);  
 32 (CC) IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);  
 33 (DD) IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);  
 34 (EE) IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised  
 35 professional football team license plates);  
 36 (FF) IC 9-18-50 (Hoosier veteran license plates);  
 37 (GG) IC 9-18-51 (support our troops license plates);  
 38 (HH) IC 9-18-52 (Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license  
 39 plates);  
 40 (II) IC 9-18-53 (Earlham College Trust license plates); **or**  
 41 (JJ) IC 9-18-54 (Indiana Gold Star family member license  
 42 plates); **or**

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1                   **(KK) IC 9-18-55 (Don't Tread on Me license plates);**  
2 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed  
3 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular  
4 special recognition license plate.

5                   SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2010,  
6 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- 8                   (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- 9                   (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- 10                  (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- 11                  (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- 12                  (5) Disabled Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- 13                  (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- 14                  (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- 15                  (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- 16                  (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- 17                  (10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).
- 18                  (11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).
- 19                  (12) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-50).
- 20                  (13) Support our troops license plates (IC 9-18-51).
- 21                  (14) Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license plates (IC 9-18-52).
- 22                  (15) Indiana Gold Star family member license plates (IC 9-18-54).

23                  **(16) Don't Tread on Me license plates (IC 9-18-55).**

24                  SECTION 3. IC 9-18-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
25 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
26 1, 2011]:

27                  **Chapter 55. Don't Tread on Me License Plates**  
28                  **Sec. 1. This chapter applies after December 31, 2011.**

29                  **Sec. 2. The bureau shall design a Don't Tread on Me license**  
30 **plate to be issued beginning January 1, 2012.**

31                  **Sec. 3. A Don't Tread on Me license plate must include the**  
32 **following:**

- 33                  **(1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or**
- 34                  **letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.**
- 35                  **(2) A yellow background color.**
- 36                  **(3) The slogan "Don't Tread on Me".**
- 37                  **(4) A depiction of a coiled snake.**
- 38                  **(5) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**

39                  **Sec. 4. A Don't Tread on Me license plate issued under this**  
40 **chapter may be displayed on the following:**

- 41                  **(1) A passenger motor vehicle.**
- 42                  **(2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight**

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1           of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.  
 2           (3) A recreational vehicle.  
 3           (4) A motorcycle.  
 4           **Sec. 5. After December 31, 2011, an individual who is a resident**  
 5 **of Indiana and is eligible to register a motor vehicle under this title**  
 6 **may apply for and receive a Don't Tread on Me license plate for**  
 7 **one (1) or more motor vehicles upon doing the following:**  
 8           (1) Completing an application for a Don't Tread on Me license  
 9           plate.  
 10          (2) Paying the fee under section 6 of this chapter.  
 11          **Sec. 6. The fee for a Don't Tread on Me license plate is the fee**  
 12 **set forth in IC 9-29-5-38.7.**  
 13          SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-38.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 14 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 15 1, 2011]: **Sec. 38.7. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-55 is subject**  
 16 **to an annual registration fee for a vehicle of the same classification**  
 17 **under this chapter and any other fee or tax required of a person**  
 18 **registering a vehicle under this title.**

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