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## **BMV Announces Immediate Suspension of Personalized License Plate Program**

**Indianapolis, IN** – R. Scott Waddell, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), issued the following statement announcing a temporary suspension of the BMV's Personalized License Plate (PLP) program:

"The PLP program is one of the BMV's longest standing programs. However, the program has come under scrutiny as a result of a recently filed class action lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of certain aspects of the PLP program. In response, BMV is suspending the PLP program pending the outcome of the litigation.

Indiana is not the first state to see its PLP statutes challenged, as this has become a widespread topic of debate across the nation. In order to protect Hoosier taxpayers from the considerable expense that these types of lawsuits bring, BMV will suspend its program pending the outcome of the class action lawsuit.

Individuals who currently have a PLP will be able to keep and renew their existing plate, if desired. Effective at 6:00 p.m. EST today, the BMV will not accept any new applications for a personalized plate until a determination can be made on this most recent filing."

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