
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1243

DIGEST OF HB 1243 (Updated February 10, 1998 12:03 pm - DI 92)

Citations Affected: IC 6-6; IC 9-13; IC 9-18; noncode.

Synopsis: Allows a motor carrier to obtain an annual permit for \$40 to move a yard tractor to another location to have it repaired or relocated. Excludes "yard tractor" from the definition of "motor vehicle" for the purposes of certain motor vehicle laws including the title, registration, and driver's license laws applicable to other motor vehicles. Specifies that a yard tractor being operated on a public highway must display a yard tractor repair, maintenance, and relocation permit license plate. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and manufacture a yard tractor repair, maintenance, and relocation permit license plate.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — RIEGSECKER, GERY)

January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
January 26, 1998, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 29, 1998, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
February 3, 1998, read third time, passed. Yeas 97, nays 2.

SENATE ACTION

February 9, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
February 12, 1998, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1243

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-6-4.1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.46-1994, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 13. (a) A carrier may, in lieu of paying the tax imposed under this chapter that would otherwise result from the operation of a particular commercial motor vehicle, obtain from the department a trip permit authorizing the carrier to operate the commercial motor vehicle for a period of five (5) consecutive days. The department shall specify the beginning and ending days on the face of the permit. The fee for a trip permit for each commercial motor vehicle is fifty dollars (\$50). The report otherwise required under section 10 of this chapter is not required with respect to a vehicle for which a trip permit has been issued under this subsection.

(b) The department may issue a temporary written authorization if unforeseen or uncertain circumstances require operations by a carrier of a commercial motor vehicle for which neither a trip permit described in subsection (a) nor an annual permit described in section 12 of this chapter has been obtained. A temporary authorization may be issued only if the department finds that undue hardship would result if operation under a temporary authorization were prohibited. A carrier

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who receives a temporary authorization shall:

- (1) pay the trip permit fee at the time the temporary authorization is issued; or
 - (2) subsequently apply for and obtain an annual permit.
- (c) A carrier may obtain a repair and maintenance permit to:
- (1) travel from another state into Indiana to repair or maintain any of the carrier's motor vehicles, semitrailers (as defined in IC 9-13-2-164), or trailers (as defined in IC 9-13-2-184); and
 - (2) return to the same state after the repair or maintenance is completed.

The fee for the permit is forty dollars (\$40). The permit is an annual permit and applies to all of the motor vehicles operated by the carrier. The permit is not transferable to another carrier. A carrier may not carry cargo or passengers under the permit. A carrier may operate a motor vehicle under the permit in lieu of paying the tax imposed under this chapter. The report otherwise required under section 10 of this chapter is not required with respect to a motor vehicle that is operated under the permit.

(d) A carrier may obtain a repair, maintenance, and relocation permit to:

- (1) move a yard tractor from a terminal or loading or spotting facility to:**
 - (A) a maintenance or repair facility; or**
 - (B) another terminal or loading or spotting facility; and**
- (2) return the yard tractor to its place of origin.**

The fee for the permit is forty dollars (\$40). The permit is an annual permit and applies to all yard tractors operated by the carrier. The permit is not transferable to another carrier. A carrier may not carry cargo or transport or draw a semitrailer or other vehicle under the permit. A carrier may operate a yard tractor under the permit instead of paying the tax imposed under this chapter. A yard tractor that is being operated on a public highway under this subsection must display a license plate issued under IC 9-18-32. As used in this section, "yard tractor" has the meaning set forth under IC 9-13-2-201.

~~(d)~~ (e) The department shall establish procedures, by rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, for:

- (1) the issuance and use of trip permits, temporary authorizations, and repair and maintenance permits; and
- (2) the display in commercial motor vehicles of evidence of compliance with this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-196 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 196. (a) "Vehicle" means, except as otherwise provided in this section, a device in, upon, or by which a person or property is, or may be, transported or drawn upon a highway.

(b) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 9-14 through IC 9-18, does not include the following:

- (1) A device moved by human power.
- (2) A vehicle that runs only on rails or tracks.
- (3) A vehicle propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon rails or tracks.
- (4) A firetruck and apparatus owned by a person or municipal division of the state and used for fire protection.
- (5) A municipally owned ambulance.
- (6) A police patrol wagon.
- (7) A vehicle not designed for or employed in general highway transportation of persons or property and occasionally operated or moved over the highway, including the following:
 - (A) Road construction or maintenance machinery.
 - (B) A movable device designed, used, or maintained to alert motorists of hazardous conditions on highways.
 - (C) Construction dust control machinery.
 - (D) Well boring apparatus.
 - (E) Ditchdigging apparatus.
 - (F) An implement of husbandry.
 - (G) An invalid chair.
 - (H) A yard tractor.**

(c) For purposes of IC 9-20 and IC 9-21, the term does not include devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(d) For purposes of IC 9-22, the term refers to an automobile, a motorcycle, a truck, a trailer, a semitrailer, a tractor, a bus, a school bus, a recreational vehicle, or a motorized bicycle.

(e) For purposes of IC 9-30-5, IC 9-30-6, IC 9-30-8, and IC 9-30-9, the term means a device for transportation by land or air.

SECTION 3. IC 9-13-2-201 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 201. "Yard tractor" refers to a tractor that is used to move semitrailers around a terminal or a loading or spotting facility. The term also refers to a tractor that is operated on a highway with a permit issued under IC 6-6-4.1-13(d) if the tractor is ordinarily used to move semitrailers around a terminal or spotting facility.**



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SECTION 4. IC 9-18-32 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]:

Chapter 32. Yard Tractor Repair, Maintenance, and Relocation Permit License Plates

Sec. 1. The bureau shall issue a yard tractor repair, maintenance, and relocation permit license plate to a carrier under IC 6-6-4.1-13(d).

Sec. 2. (a) The bureau shall design and manufacture yard tractor repair, maintenance, and relocation permit license plates as needed to administer this chapter.

(b) The license plate designed and manufactured under this section must:

- (1)** be designed for display on a yard tractor;
- (2)** be designed to be transferable between yard tractors operated by the carrier; and
- (3)** designate the yard tractor as a yard tractor permitted to operate on a public highway under IC 6-6-4.1-13(d).

Sec. 3. The bureau may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to administer this chapter.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a)** Notwithstanding IC 6-6-4.1-13(d), as added by this act, a yard tractor may be operated on a public highway if it displays a temporary permit issued under subsection (b).

(b) Notwithstanding IC 9-18-32, as added by this act, the bureau of motor vehicles shall issue a temporary permit designed for display on a yard tractor that designates the yard tractor as a tractor permitted to operate on a public highway under IC 6-6-4.1-13(d).

(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.

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