

# SENATE BILL No. 520

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18.

**Synopsis:** Veterans license plates. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a special group recognition license plate to honor Indiana Vietnam era veterans. Specifies that an individual who served in the United States armed forces any time from January 1, 1959, until May 17, 1975, may receive a Vietnam era veteran license plate upon paying the prescribed fees. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a license plate to honor veterans who have received the Silver Star medal. Specifies that an individual who has received a Silver Star medal may receive a Silver Star license plate. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a special group recognition license plate to honor Indiana Korean era veterans.  
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**Effective:** July 1, 1999; January 1, 2000.

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January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

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Specifies that an individual who served in the United States armed forces any time from June 27, 1950, until June 31, 1955, may receive a Korean era veteran license plate upon paying the prescribed fees. Allows an individual who is eligible to receive a Vietnam era, Silver Star, or Korean era license plate to receive a personalized license plate. Exempts Vietnam era, Silver Star, and Korean era license plates from minimum sales requirements.

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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 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]: Sec. 1. (a) A person  
3 who is the registered owner or lessee of a:  
4 (1) passenger motor vehicle;  
5 (2) motorcycle;  
6 (3) recreational vehicle; or  
7 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of  
8 not more than:  
9 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;  
10 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or  
11 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;  
12 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original  
13 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau  
14 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which  
15 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.



- 1 (b) A person who:  
 2 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in  
 3 subsection (a); and  
 4 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:  
 5 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);  
 6 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);  
 7 (C) IC 9-18-19 (purple heart license plates);  
 8 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana national guard license plates);  
 9 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana guard reserve license plates);  
 10 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);  
 11 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);  
 12 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);  
 13 (I) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);  
 14 (J) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);  
 15 (K) IC 9-18-30 (children's trust license plates);  
 16 (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);  
 17 (M) ~~IC 9-18-32.3~~ **IC 9-18-32.2** (drug free Indiana trust license  
 18 plates);  
 19 (N) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);  
 20 (O) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);  
 21 (P) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);  
 22 (Q) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);  
 23 (R) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);  
 24 (S) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license  
 25 plates);  
 26 (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license  
 27 plates);  
 28 (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);  
 29 (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);  
 30 (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);  
 31 (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates); ~~or~~  
 32 (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American Trust license  
 33 plates);  
 34 **(Z) IC 9-18-45 (Vietnam era veteran license plates);**  
 35 **(AA) IC 9-18-46 (Silver Star license plates); or**  
 36 **(BB) IC 9-18-47 (Korean era veteran license plates);**  
 37 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed  
 38 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular  
 39 special recognition license plate.  
 40 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 41 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 42 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1.5. Sections 15 and 16 of this chapter do not apply to**



1 a license plate issued under the following:

2 (1) IC 9-18-45.

3 (2) IC 9-18-46.

4 (3) IC 9-18-47.

5 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
6 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 1999]:

8 **Chapter 45. Vietnam Era Veteran License Plate**

9 **Sec. 1.** The bureau of motor vehicles shall design and issue a  
10 Vietnam era veteran license plate. The Vietnam era veteran license  
11 plate shall be designed and issued as a special group recognition  
12 license plate under IC 9-18-25.

13 **Sec. 2.** A Vietnam era veteran license plate designed under  
14 IC 9-18-25 must include the following:

15 (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or  
16 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.

17 (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate  
18 the license plate as a Vietnam era veteran license plate.

19 (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

20 **Sec. 3.** Beginning January 1, 2000, a person who is a resident of  
21 Indiana who served in the armed forces of the United States any  
22 time from January 1, 1959, until May 7, 1975, may apply for and  
23 receive one (1) or more Vietnam era veteran license plates upon  
24 doing the following:

25 (1) Completing an application for a Vietnam era veteran  
26 license plate.

27 (2) Paying the appropriate fee under section 4 of this chapter.

28 **Sec. 4.** The fees for a Vietnam era veteran license plate are the  
29 appropriate fees under IC 9-29-5-38(a)(1) and IC 9-29-5-38(a)(2).

30 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
31 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
32 1, 1999]:

33 **Chapter 46. Silver Star License Plate**

34 **Sec. 1.** The bureau shall design and issue a passenger vehicle  
35 license plate that will designate the vehicle as being registered to a  
36 person who has received a Silver Star medal that is awarded to an  
37 individual who demonstrates gallantry in action against an armed  
38 enemy.

39 **Sec. 2.** A resident of Indiana who is a recipient of a Silver Star  
40 medal may apply for and receive one (1) or more Silver Star license  
41 plates.

42 **Sec. 3.** A Silver Star license plate may only be displayed on a



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1 **vehicle registered by a person described in section 2 of this chapter.**

2 SECTION 5. IC 9-18-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
3 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
4 1, 1999]:

5 **Chapter 47. Korean Era Veteran License Plate**

6 **Sec. 1. The bureau of motor vehicles shall design and issue a**  
7 **Korean era veteran license plate. The Korean era veteran license**  
8 **plate shall be designed and issued as a special group recognition**  
9 **license plate under IC 9-18-25.**

10 **Sec. 2. A Korean era veteran license plate designed under**  
11 **IC 9-18-25 must include the following:**

12 (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or  
13 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.

14 (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate  
15 the license plate as a Korean era veteran license plate.

16 (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

17 **Sec. 3. Beginning January 1, 2000, a person who is a resident of**  
18 **Indiana who served in the armed forces of the United States any**  
19 **time from June 27, 1950, until January 31, 1955, may apply for and**  
20 **receive one (1) or more Korean era veteran license plates upon**  
21 **doing the following:**

22 (1) Completing an application for a Korean era veteran  
23 license plate.

24 (2) Paying the appropriate fee under section 4 of this chapter.

25 **Sec. 4. The fees for a Korean era veteran license plate are the**  
26 **appropriate fees under IC 9-29-5-38(a)(1) and IC 9-29-5-38(a)(2).**

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