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# SENATE BILL No. 31

DIGEST OF SB 31 (Updated February 16, 1999 3:04 pm - DI 92)

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

**Synopsis:** Minimum number for issuance of special group license plates. Requires the sale of at least 500 special group license plates in the first four years of the plate cycle beginning January 1, 1997, for an organization that received a special group license plate before January 1, 1998, to remain qualified to participate in the special group license plate program. Requires the sale of at least 500 special group license plates in the first four years of a plate cycle to remain eligible for the program. Provides that if at least 5,000 of an organization's special group license plates are sold, the representatives of a special group may petition the bureau to design a distinctive special group license plate. Removes minimum sales requirements for Pearl Harbor survivor license plates by separating the Pearl Harbor survivor license plate from the law governing special group recognition license plates generally. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue license plates for a vehicle that designates the vehicle as being  
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**Effective:** July 1, 1999; January 1, 2000; January 1, 2002.

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**Wheeler, Lawson C, Craycraft**

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.  
February 18, 1999, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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## SENATE BILL No. 31

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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.

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- 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); **or**  
 34 **(Z) IC 9-18-45 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);**  
 35 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed  
 36 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular  
 37 special recognition license plate.  
 38 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]: Sec. 1. This chapter  
 40 does not apply to the following:  
 41 (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).  
 42 (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).



- 1 (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).  
 2 (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).  
 3 (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).  
 4 (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).  
 5 (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).  
 6 (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).  
 7 (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).

8 **(10) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45).**

9 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 14. (a) This section  
 11 applies to an organization that receives a special group license plate  
 12 issued under this chapter before January 1, 1998.

13 (b) The bureau shall terminate the organization's qualification for  
 14 the special group license plate program and no further special group  
 15 recognition license plates shall be issued for the organization if less  
 16 than ~~two thousand (2,000)~~ **five hundred (500)** of the organization's  
 17 special group license plates are sold or ~~renewed~~ **renewed** before January  
 18 1, 2001. The bureau shall notify the organization's representatives that  
 19 the organization will be ineligible to participate in the special group  
 20 license plate in a plate cycle beginning after December 31, 2000.

21 (c) If at least ~~two thousand (2,000)~~ **five hundred (500)** but not more  
 22 than ~~nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (9,999)~~ **five thousand**  
 23 **(5,000)** of the organization's special group license plates are sold in the  
 24 plate cycle between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 2000, the  
 25 bureau shall redesign the organization's special group license plate  
 26 under sections 3 and 5 of this chapter for the plate cycle beginning  
 27 January 1, 2002. The bureau shall confer with the representatives of the  
 28 organization concerning the design of the emblem prescribed by  
 29 section 5 of this chapter.

30 (d) This section expires January 2, 2003.

31 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-25-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002]: Sec. 15. The bureau  
 33 shall terminate an organization's qualification for the special group  
 34 license plate program and no further special group recognition license  
 35 plates shall be issued for an organization if less than ~~two thousand~~  
 36 ~~(2,000)~~ **five hundred (500)** of the organization's special group license  
 37 plates are sold or ~~renewed~~ **renewed** in the first four (4) years of the five  
 38 (5) year period beginning the earlier of January 1, 2002, or January 1  
 39 of the year in which the organization's special group license plate is  
 40 first issued. The bureau shall reevaluate the organization's qualification  
 41 for the special group license plate program every five (5) years  
 42 thereafter. The bureau shall terminate the organization's qualification



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 2 recognition license plates shall be issued for an organization if less than  
 3 ~~two thousand (2,000)~~ **five hundred (500)** of the organization's special  
 4 group license plates are sold or renewed in the first four (4) years of a  
 5 subsequent five (5) year period.

6 SECTION 5. IC 9-18-25-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]: Sec. 16. (a) This  
 8 section applies to a special group that receives a special group license  
 9 plate issued under this chapter after December 31, 1999, and before  
 10 January 1, 2001.

11 (b) The bureau shall terminate the organization's qualification for  
 12 the special group license plate program and no further special group  
 13 recognition license plates shall be issued for the organization if less  
 14 than five hundred (500) of the organization's special group license  
 15 plates are sold or renewed before January 1, 2001. The bureau shall  
 16 notify the organization's representatives that the organization will be  
 17 ineligible to participate in the special group license plate in a plate  
 18 cycle beginning after December 31, 2001.

19 (c) Notwithstanding section 3 of this chapter, the representatives of  
 20 the special group may petition the bureau to design a distinctive license  
 21 plate that identifies a vehicle as being registered to a person who is a  
 22 member of the special group if at least ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ **five**  
 23 **thousand (5,000)** of the special group's license ~~plate~~ **plates** are issued  
 24 under this chapter after December 31, 1999, and before January 1,  
 25 2001.

26 (d) The design of the special group license plate must include a  
 27 basic design for the special group recognition license plate with  
 28 consecutive numerals or letters, or both, to properly identify the  
 29 vehicle.

30 (e) A special group license plate must be treated with special  
 31 reflective material designed to increase the visibility and legibility of  
 32 the special group license plate.

33 (f) This section expires January 2, 2003.

34 SECTION 6. IC 9-18-25-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]: Sec. 17. (a) This  
 36 section applies to a special group if at least ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ **five**  
 37 **thousand (5,000)** of the special group's license plates are issued under  
 38 this chapter in the first four (4) years of a five (5) year plate cycle  
 39 beginning after December 31, 2001.

40 (b) Notwithstanding section 3 of this chapter, the representatives of  
 41 the special group may petition the bureau to design a distinctive license  
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6 (d) A special group license plate must be treated with special  
7 reflective material designed to increase the visibility and legibility of  
8 the special group license plate.

9 SECTION 7. IC 9-18-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
10 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JANUARY 1, 2000]:

12 **Chapter 45. Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plates**

13 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Pearl Harbor survivor" means**  
14 **a person who was an active member of the armed forces of the**  
15 **United States serving at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Pearl**  
16 **Harbor attack.**

17 **Sec. 2. The bureau shall design and issue license plates for a**  
18 **vehicle that designates the vehicle as being registered to a Pearl**  
19 **Harbor survivor.**

20 **Sec. 3. (a) A resident of Indiana who is a Pearl Harbor survivor**  
21 **may apply for and receive one (1) or more Pearl Harbor survivor**  
22 **license plates.**

23 **(b) The bureau may issue one (1) or more Pearl Harbor**  
24 **survivor license plates to the surviving spouse of a Pearl Harbor**  
25 **survivor.**

26 **Sec. 4. A Pearl Harbor survivor license plate may be:**

27 **(1) assigned only to a vehicle subject to registration under this**  
28 **article; and**

29 **(2) displayed only on a legally registered vehicle.**

30 **Sec. 5. The bureau shall terminate the Pearl Harbor survivors'**  
31 **qualification for the special group license plate program under**  
32 **IC 9-18-25-2, and no further special group recognition plates shall**  
33 **be issued under IC 9-18-25-2 for Pearl Harbor survivors as of**  
34 **January 1, 2000.**

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Lawson C be added as second author and Senator Craycraft be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 31.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 31, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or lessee of a:

- (1) passenger motor vehicle;
- (2) motorcycle;
- (3) recreational vehicle; or
- (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than:
  - (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
  - (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
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registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.

(b) A person who:

- (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in subsection (a); and
- (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:
  - (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);
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  - (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);
  - (M) ~~IC 9-18-32.3~~ **IC 9-18-32.2** (drug free Indiana trust license plates);
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may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
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- (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- (10) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45)."**

Page 3, after line 25, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 5. IC 9-18-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000]:

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**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Pearl Harbor survivor" means a person who was an active member of the armed forces of the United States serving at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.**

**Sec. 2. The bureau shall design and issue license plates for a vehicle that designates the vehicle as being registered to a Pearl**



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**Sec. 3. (a) A resident of Indiana who is a Pearl Harbor survivor may apply for and receive one (1) or more Pearl Harbor survivor license plates.**

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**Sec. 4. A Pearl Harbor survivor license plate may be:**

- (1) assigned only to a vehicle subject to registration under this article; and**
- (2) displayed only on a legally registered vehicle.**

**Sec. 5. The bureau shall terminate the Pearl Harbor survivors' qualification for the special group license plate program under IC 9-18-25-2, and no further special group recognition plates shall be issued under IC 9-18-25-2 for Pearl Harbor survivors as of January 1, 2000."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 31 as introduced.)

RIEGSECKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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