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# SENATE BILL No. 343

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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. 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.

**Effective:** January 1, 2001.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

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Second Regular Session 111th General Assembly (2000)

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# SENATE BILL No. 343



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.222-1999,  
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner  
4 or 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:  
10 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;  
11 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or  
12 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;  
13 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original  
14 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau  
15 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which  
16 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.  
17 (b) A person who:

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1 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in  
 2 subsection (a); and

3 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

- 4 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);  
 5 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);  
 6 (C) IC 9-18-19 (purple heart license plates);  
 7 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana national guard license plates);  
 8 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana guard reserve license plates);  
 9 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);  
 10 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);  
 11 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);  
 12 (I) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);  
 13 (J) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);  
 14 (K) IC 9-18-30 (children's trust license plates);  
 15 (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);  
 16 (M) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);  
 17 (N) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);  
 18 (O) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);  
 19 (P) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);  
 20 (Q) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);  
 21 (R) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);  
 22 (S) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license  
 23 plates);  
 24 (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license  
 25 plates);  
 26 (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);  
 27 (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);  
 28 (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);  
 29 (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);  
 30 (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American Trust license  
 31 plates);  
 32 (Z) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates); **or**  
 33 (AA) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust  
 34 license plates);  
 35 **(BB) IC 9-18-47 (Vietnam era veteran license plates);**  
 36 **(CC) IC 9-18-48 (Silver Star license plates); or**  
 37 **(DD) IC 9-18-49 (Korean era veteran license plates);**

38 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed  
 39 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular  
 40 special recognition license plate.

41 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 42 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JANUARY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 1.5. Sections 15 and 16 of this chapter do**  
 2 **not apply to a license plate issued under the following:**

3 (1) **IC 9-18-47.**

4 (2) **IC 9-18-48.**

5 (3) **IC 9-18-49.**

6 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 7 A **NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 8 **JANUARY 1, 2001]:**

9 **Chapter 47. Vietnam Era Veteran License Plates**

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

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

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

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

20 (3) **Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**

21 **Sec. 3. Beginning January 1, 2001, a person who is a resident of**  
 22 **Indiana and served in the armed forces of the United States any**  
 23 **time from January 1, 1959, until May 7, 1975, may apply for and**  
 24 **receive one (1) or more Vietnam era veteran license plates upon**  
 25 **doing the following:**

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

28 (2) **Paying the fees under section 4 of this chapter.**

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

32 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 33 A **NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 34 **JANUARY 1, 2001]:**

35 **Chapter 48. Silver Star License Plates**

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

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

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1 plates.

2 **Sec. 3. A Silver Star license plate may only be displayed on a**  
 3 **vehicle registered by a person described in section 2 of this chapter.**

4 SECTION 5. IC 9-18-49 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 5 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JANUARY 1, 2001]:

7 **Chapter 49. Korean Era Veteran License Plates**

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

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

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

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

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

19 **Sec. 3. Beginning January 1, 2001, a person who is a resident of**  
 20 **Indiana and served in the armed forces of the United States any**  
 21 **time from June 27, 1950, until January 31, 1955, may apply for and**  
 22 **receive one (1) or more Korean era veteran license plates upon**  
 23 **doing the following:**

24 (1) Completing an application for a Korean era veteran  
 25 license plate.

26 (2) Paying the fees under section 4 of this chapter.

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

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