
HOUSE BILL No. 1274

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18-2-26; IC 9-18-2-49; IC 9-18-26-10

Synopsis: License plates. Requires that an interim license plate be made of plastic or other rigid and durable material. Specifies how the interim license plate must be displayed on a vehicle. Permits a temporary license plate to be made of plastic or other rigid and durable material.

Effective: Upon passage; January 1, 2001.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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.

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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 9-18-2-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 26. (a) License
3 plates shall be displayed as follows:
4 (1) For a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle,
5 upon the rear of the vehicle.
6 (2) For a farm tractor or tractor, upon the front of the vehicle.
7 (3) For every other vehicle, upon the rear of the vehicle.
8 (b) A license plate shall be securely fastened, in a horizontal
9 position, to the vehicle for which the plate is issued:
10 (1) to prevent the license plate from swinging;
11 (2) at a height of at least twelve (12) inches from the ground,
12 measuring from the bottom of the license plate;
13 (3) in a place and position that are clearly visible;
14 (4) maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to
15 be clearly legible; and
16 (5) not obstructed or obscured by tires, bumpers, accessories, or
17 other opaque objects.



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1 (c) The bureau may adopt rules the bureau considers advisable to
 2 enforce the proper mounting and securing of license plates **and interim**
 3 **license plates** on vehicles consistent with this ~~chapter~~ **article**.

4 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-2-49 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 49. (a)
 6 Notwithstanding ~~IC 9-18-2-32~~, **section 32 of this chapter**, if a person
 7 is renewing the registration for a motor vehicle that needs a new license
 8 plate, the bureau may issue a temporary paper, **plastic or similarly**
 9 **rigid and durable material**, or cardboard license plate to the person
 10 for use on the motor vehicle.

11 (b) A temporary license plate issued under subsection (a) is valid for
 12 thirty (30) days after the date of its issuance.

13 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-26-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 10. (a) The
 15 bureau may issue an interim license plate to a dealer or manufacturer
 16 who is licensed and has been issued a license plate under section 1 of
 17 this chapter.

18 (b) ~~The bureau shall prescribe the form of~~ An interim license plate
 19 issued under this section ~~However, a plate~~ must:

20 (1) **be made of plastic or a similarly rigid and durable**
 21 **material;**

22 (2) **be the same or nearly the same size as a license plate;**

23 (3) **be securely fastened in a horizontal position upon the rear**
 24 **of the vehicle for which the plate is issued, at a height of at**
 25 **least twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the**
 26 **bottom of the license plate; and**

27 (4) bear the assigned registration number and provide sufficient
 28 space for the expiration date as provided in subsection (c).

29 (c) Whenever a dealer or manufacturer sells a motor vehicle, the
 30 dealer or manufacturer may provide the buyer with an interim license
 31 plate. The dealer shall, in the manner provided by the bureau, affix:

32 (1) **the plate on the motor vehicle; and**

33 (2) on the plate in **black** numerals and letters at least three (3)
 34 inches high the date on which the interim license plate expires.

35 (d) An interim license plate authorizes a motor vehicle owner to
 36 operate the vehicle for a maximum period of thirty-one (31) days after
 37 the date of delivery of the vehicle to the vehicle's owner or until a
 38 regular license plate is issued, whichever occurs first.

39 (e) A motor vehicle that is required by law to display license plates
 40 on the front and rear of the vehicle is only required to display a single
 41 interim plate.

42 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)



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1 Notwithstanding IC 9-18-2-26, as amended by this act, the bureau
2 of motor vehicles shall carry out the duties imposed upon the
3 bureau under IC 9-18-2-26, as amended by this act, under interim
4 written guidelines approved by the commissioner of the bureau of
5 motor vehicles.

6 (b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

7 (1) The date rules are adopted under IC 9-18-2-26.

8 (2) December 31, 2001.

9 SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.

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