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# SENATE BILL No. 200

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18-2; IC 9-29-5-42; IC 20-9.1-4-8; IC 20-9.1-4-9.

**Synopsis:** Registration of nonpublic school buses. Modifies the registration cycle for school buses not owned by a school corporation. Requires that a school bus not owned by a school corporation must be registered before August 1 each year. Permits a school bus not owned by a school corporation that is registered after January 31 for the prior calendar year to be registered at one-half the regular rate. Provides that a license plate for a school bus not owned by a school corporation properly issued before March 1, 2001, may be displayed until July 31, 2002. Makes conforming amendments.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

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# SENATE BILL No. 200



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 9-18-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 7. (a) A person who owns a vehicle
- 3 subject to registration shall register each vehicle owned by the person
- 4 as follows:
- 5 (1) A vehicle subject to section 8 of this chapter shall be
- 6 registered under section 8 **of this chapter**.
- 7 (2) A vehicle not subject to section 8 **or 8.5** of this chapter, or to
- 8 the International Registration Plan, shall be registered before:
- 9 (A) March 1 of each year; or
- 10 (B) an earlier date subsequent to January 1 of each year as set
- 11 by the bureau.
- 12 (3) School buses owned by a school corporation are exempt from
- 13 annual registration but are subject to registration under
- 14 IC 20-9.1-4.
- 15 (4) **School buses not owned by a school corporation shall be**
- 16 **registered subject to section 8.5 of this chapter.**
- 17 (5) Subject to subsection (f), a vehicle subject to the International



1 Registration Plan shall be registered before April 1 of each year.

2 (b) Registrations and re-registrations under this section are for the  
3 calendar year. Registration and re-registration for school buses owned  
4 by a school corporation may be for more than a calendar year.

5 (c) License plates for a vehicle subject to this section may be  
6 displayed during:

7 (1) the calendar year for which the vehicle is registered; and

8 (2) the period of time:

9 (A) subsequent to the calendar year; and

10 (B) before the date that the vehicle must be re-registered.

11 (d) A person who owns or operates a vehicle may not operate or  
12 permit the operation of a vehicle that:

13 (1) is required to be registered under this chapter; and

14 (2) has expired license plates.

15 (e) If a vehicle that is required to be registered under this chapter  
16 has:

17 (1) been operated on the highways; and

18 (2) not been properly registered under this chapter;

19 the bureau shall, before the vehicle is re-registered, collect the  
20 registration fee that the owner of the vehicle would have paid if the  
21 vehicle had been properly registered.

22 (f) The department of state revenue may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
23 to issue staggered registration to motor vehicles subject to the  
24 International Registration Plan.

25 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-2-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
26 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
27 1, 2001]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) Notwithstanding section 8 of this chapter, a  
28 school bus owned by a person other than a school corporation shall  
29 be registered before August 1.**

30 **(b) Registration and reregistration for a school bus under this  
31 section is for one (1) year.**

32 **(c) A certificate of inspection and safety issued under  
33 IC 20-9.1-4-5 must accompany a registration and reregistration  
34 application of a school bus under this section.**

35 **(d) A person registering a school bus under this section shall pay  
36 the annual registration fee required under IC 9-29-5-8.**

37 **(e) Upon registration of a school bus under this section, the  
38 bureau shall issue a semipermanent license plate under section 30  
39 of this chapter or:**

40 **(1) an annual renewal tag; or**

41 **(2) other indicia;**

42 **to be attached on the semipermanent plate.**



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1           **(f) A license plate issued under this section may be displayed**  
 2 **during:**

- 3           **(1) the calendar year for which the school bus is registered;**  
 4           **and**  
 5           **(2) the period:**

6           **(A) subsequent to the calendar year; and**

7           **(B) before August 1 of the subsequent year.**

8           SECTION 3. IC 9-29-5-42 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 42. (a) Except as  
 10 provided in subsection (c), vehicles not subject to IC 9-18-2-8 **or**  
 11 **IC 9-18-2-8.5** shall be registered at one-half (1/2) of the regular rate,  
 12 subject to IC 9-18-2-7, if the vehicle is registered after July 31 of any  
 13 year. This subsection does not apply to the following:

- 14           (1) A farm tractor used in transportation.  
 15           (2) Special farm machinery.  
 16           (3) Semitrailers registered on a five (5) year or permanent basis  
 17 under IC 9-18-10-2.

18           (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), subsection (a) and  
 19 IC 9-18-2-7 determine the registration fee for the registration of a  
 20 vehicle subject to registration under IC 9-18-2-8(c), IC 9-18-2-8(d),  
 21 and IC 9-18-2-8(e) and acquired by an owner subsequent to the date  
 22 required for the annual registration of vehicles by an owner set forth in  
 23 IC 9-18-2-8.

24           (c) Subject to subsection (d), a vehicle subject to the International  
 25 Registration Plan that is registered after September 30 shall be  
 26 registered at a rate determined by the following formula:

27           STEP ONE: Determine the number of months before April 1 of  
 28 the following year beginning with the date of registration. A  
 29 partial month shall be rounded to one (1) month.

30           STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE result by one-twelfth  
 31 (1/12).

32           STEP THREE: Multiply the annual registration fee for the vehicle  
 33 by the STEP TWO result.

34           (d) If the department of state revenue adopts rules under IC 9-18-2-7  
 35 to implement staggered registration for motor vehicles subject to the  
 36 International Registration Plan, a motor vehicle subject to the  
 37 International Registration Plan that is registered after the date  
 38 designated for registration of the motor vehicle in rules adopted under  
 39 IC 9-17-2-7 shall be registered at a rate determined by the following  
 40 formula:

41           STEP ONE: Determine the number of months before the motor  
 42 vehicle must be re-registered. A partial month shall be rounded to

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1           one (1) month.  
 2           STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE result by one-twelfth  
 3           (1/12).  
 4           STEP THREE: Multiply the annual registration fee for the vehicle  
 5           by the STEP TWO result.

6           **(e) A school bus subject to registration under IC 9-18-2-8.5 that**  
 7 **is registered after January 31 for the prior calendar year shall be**  
 8 **registered at one-half (1/2) the regular rate.**

9           SECTION 4. IC 20-9.1-4-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 8. ~~Registration Plates;~~  
 11 ~~Application:~~ When the owner of a school bus applies for a registration  
 12 plate **under IC 9-18-2-8.5**, he shall submit, with his application, a  
 13 certificate of inspection and safety issued under section 5 of this  
 14 chapter. If the certificate does not accompany an owner's application,  
 15 the bureau of motor vehicles shall not issue a registration plate.

16           SECTION 5. IC 20-9.1-4-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9. ~~Registration Plates:~~  
 18 (a) A school corporation, which owns a school bus or a special purpose  
 19 bus and uses it to transport school children, is exempt from the  
 20 payment of the annual registration fee for the bus. On application by a  
 21 school corporation, the commissioner of motor vehicles shall furnish  
 22 registration number plates for exempted vehicles without charge.  
 23 Application for registration of exempted vehicles shall be:

- 24           (1) made whenever a newly acquired bus requires a registration  
 25           number plate;  
 26           (2) made whenever a registration number plate is transferred from  
 27           one (1) school bus or special purpose bus owned by the school  
 28           corporation to another school bus or special purpose bus owned  
 29           by the school corporation;  
 30           (3) made in the name of the school corporation which owns the  
 31           vehicle to be registered; and  
 32           (4) signed by the proper official of the school corporation.

33           (b) An owner other than a school corporation, which owns a school  
 34 bus or a special purpose bus and uses it to transport school children, is  
 35 not exempt from annual registration, **as provided in IC 9-18-2-8.5**, or  
 36 payment of the annual registration fee for school buses.

37           SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **A person who**  
 38 **has registered a school bus owned by a person other than a school**  
 39 **corporation before March 1, 2001, in compliance with IC 9-18-2-7,**  
 40 **before its amendment by this act, may display the license plates**  
 41 **issued in 2001 until July 31, 2002.**

42           **(b) This SECTION expires August 1, 2002.**



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1        **SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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