

SENATE BILL No. 381

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-69.8; IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-38.6.

Synopsis: Gold Star family member license plate. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a license plate for certain family members of individuals who died while serving, or died as a result of injuries sustained while serving, on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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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 9-13-2-69.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2009] **Sec. 69.8. "Gold Star family member", for purposes of**
- 4 **IC 9-18-53, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-53-1.**
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.30-2008,
- 6 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 7 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:
- 8 (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- 9 (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- 10 (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- 11 (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- 12 (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- 13 (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- 14 (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- 15 (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- 16 (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- 17 (10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).



- 1 (11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).
- 2 (12) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-50).
- 3 (13) Support our troops license plates (IC 9-18-51).
- 4 (14) Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license plates (IC 9-18-52).
- 5 **(15) Indiana Gold Star family member license plates**
- 6 **(IC 9-18-53).**

7 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-53 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 8 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2009]:

10 **Chapter 53. Indiana Gold Star Family Member License Plate**

11 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Gold Star family member"**
 12 **means a:**

- 13 (1) biological parent;
- 14 (2) adoptive parent;
- 15 (3) stepparent;
- 16 (4) biological child;
- 17 (5) adopted child;
- 18 (6) stepchild;
- 19 (7) sibling by blood;
- 20 (8) sibling by half-blood;
- 21 (9) sibling by adoption; or
- 22 (10) stepsibling;

23 **of an individual who dies while serving on active duty, or dies as a**
 24 **result of injuries sustained while serving on active duty, as a**
 25 **member of the armed forces of the United States or the National**
 26 **Guard (as defined in IC 10-16-1-13).**

27 **Sec. 2. The bureau shall design and issue an Indiana Gold Star**
 28 **family member license plate, beginning January 1, 2010.**

29 **Sec. 3. An Indiana Gold Star family member license plate must**
 30 **include the following:**

- 31 (1) A basic design for the plate, with consecutive numbers or
- 32 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.
- 33 (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate
- 34 the license plate as an Indiana Gold Star family member
- 35 license plate.
- 36 (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

37 **Sec. 4. An Indiana Gold Star family member license plate issued**
 38 **under this chapter may be displayed on the following:**

- 39 (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- 40 (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight
- 41 of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- 42 (3) A recreational vehicle.

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1 **Sec. 5. A person who is an Indiana Gold Star family member**
2 **and who is eligible to register and display a license plate on a**
3 **vehicle under this title may receive an Indiana Gold Star family**
4 **member license plate for one (1) or more vehicles after doing the**
5 **following:**

6 **(1) Completing an application for an Indiana Gold Star family**
7 **member license plate.**

8 **(2) Paying the fee under section 6 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 6. The fee for an Indiana Gold Star family member license**
10 **plate is the appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38.6.**

11 **SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-38.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**
12 **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**
13 **1, 2009]: Sec. 38.6. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-53 is subject**
14 **to an annual registration fee and any other fee or tax required of**
15 **a person registering a vehicle under this title.**

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