SENATE BILL No. 38

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-27.7; IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-38.7.

Synopsis: Commendation for valor license plates. Establishes the commendation for valor license plate (plate). Specifies that an individual is eligible to receive a plate by: (1) presenting certification to the bureau of motor vehicles from the United States Department of Defense that the individual is the recipient of a medal or commendation for valor while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and (2) paying a certain fee for the plate.

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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:

SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-27.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 27.7. "Commendation for valor", for purposes of IC 9-18-55, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-55-2.**

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2010, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: 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 eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;

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);

(B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates);

(C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);

(D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);

(E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);

(F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

(G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

(H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

(I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);

(J) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

(K) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

(L) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

(M) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

(N) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

(O) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

(P) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

(Q) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

(R) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

(S) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

(T) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);

(U) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);

(V) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

(W) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

(X) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

(Y) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

(Z) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);

(AA) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

(BB) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust license plates);

(CC) IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);

(DD) IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);

(EE) IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised professional football team license plates);

(FF) IC 9-18-50 (Hoosier veteran license plates);

(GG) IC 9-18-51 (support our troops license plates);

(HH) IC 9-18-52 (Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license

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plates);

(II) IC 9-18-53 (Earlham College Trust license plates); ~~or~~

(JJ) IC 9-18-54 (Indiana Gold Star family member license plates); **or**

(KK) IC 9-18-55 (commendation for valor license plates);

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 3. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2010, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

(1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
(2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
(3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
(4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
(5) Disabled Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
(6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
(7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
(8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
(9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
(10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).
(11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).
(12) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-50).
(13) Support our troops license plates (IC 9-18-51).
(14) Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license plates (IC 9-18-52).
(15) Indiana Gold Star family member license plates (IC 9-18-54).
(16) Commendation for valor license plates (IC 9-18-55).

SECTION 4. IC 9-18-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]:

Chapter 55. Commendation for Valor License Plates

Sec. 1. This chapter applies after December 31, 2011.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commendation for valor" means a medal or commendation for valor while serving in the United States armed forces, including but not limited to the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star.

Sec. 3. (a) The bureau shall design and issue a commendation for valor license plate.

(b) A commendation for valor license plate must include the following:

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

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(2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate the license plate as a commendation for valor license plate.

(3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

Sec. 4. A commendation for valor license plate issued under this chapter may be displayed on the following:

(1) A passenger motor vehicle.

(2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.

(3) A recreational vehicle.

(4) A motorcycle.

Sec. 5. After December 31, 2011, an individual who is a resident of Indiana and is eligible to register a motor vehicle under this title may apply for and receive a commendation for valor license plate for one (1) or more motor vehicles upon doing the following:

(1) Completing an application for a commendation for valor license plate.

(2) Presenting certification to the bureau from the United States Department of Defense that the individual is the recipient of a medal or commendation for valor while serving in the Unites States armed forces.

(3) Paying the fee under section 6 of this chapter.

Sec. 6. The fee for a commendation for valor license plate is the fee set forth in IC 9-29-5-38.7.

SECTION 5. IC 9-29-5-38.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 38.7. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-55 is subject to an annual registration fee for a vehicle of the same classification under this chapter and any other fee or tax required of a person registering a vehicle under this title.**

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