

SENATE BILL No. 209

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 a 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.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and 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 9-13-2-27.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2012]: **Sec. 27.7. "Commendation for valor", for purposes of**
4 **IC 9-18-55, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-55-2.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2010,
6 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or
8 lessee of a:

9 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
10 (2) motorcycle;
11 (3) recreational vehicle; or
12 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
13 not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
14 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
15 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
16 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
17 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.



- 1 (b) A person who:
 2 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in
 3 subsection (a); and
 4 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:
 5 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);
 6 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates);
 7 (C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);
 8 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);
 9 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);
 10 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);
 11 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);
 12 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);
 13 (I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);
 14 (J) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);
 15 (K) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);
 16 (L) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);
 17 (M) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);
 18 (N) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);
 19 (O) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);
 20 (P) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);
 21 (Q) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);
 22 (R) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);
 23 (S) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);
 24 (T) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license
 25 plates);
 26 (U) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license
 27 plates);
 28 (V) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);
 29 (W) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);
 30 (X) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);
 31 (Y) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);
 32 (Z) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);
 33 (AA) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);
 34 (BB) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust
 35 license plates);
 36 (CC) IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);
 37 (DD) IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);
 38 (EE) IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised
 39 professional football team license plates);
 40 (FF) IC 9-18-50 (Hoosier veteran license plates);
 41 (GG) IC 9-18-51 (support our troops license plates);
 42 (HH) IC 9-18-52 (Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license

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1 plates);
 2 (II) IC 9-18-53 (Earlham College Trust license plates); **or**
 3 (JJ) IC 9-18-54 (Indiana Gold Star family member license
 4 plates); **or**
 5 **(KK) IC 9-18-55 (commendation for valor license plates);**
 6 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed
 7 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular
 8 special recognition license plate.

9 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2010,
 10 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

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

28 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 29 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 30 1, 2012]:

31 **Chapter 55. Commendation for Valor License Plates**

32 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies after December 31, 2012.**

33 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commendation for valor"**
 34 **means a medal or commendation for valor while serving in the**
 35 **United States Armed Forces, including but not limited to the**
 36 **Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star.**

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

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

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

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1 **(2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate**
 2 **the license plate as a commendation for valor license plate.**
 3 **(3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**
 4 **Sec. 4. A commendation for valor license plate issued under this**
 5 **chapter may be displayed on the following:**
 6 **(1) A passenger motor vehicle.**
 7 **(2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight**
 8 **of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.**
 9 **(3) A recreational vehicle.**
 10 **(4) A motorcycle.**
 11 **Sec. 5. After December 31, 2012, an individual who is a resident**
 12 **of Indiana and is eligible to register a motor vehicle under this title**
 13 **may apply for and receive a commendation for valor license plate**
 14 **for one (1) or more motor vehicles upon doing the following:**
 15 **(1) Completing an application for a commendation for valor**
 16 **license plate.**
 17 **(2) Presenting a certification to the bureau from the United**
 18 **States Department of Defense that the individual is the**
 19 **recipient of a medal or commendation for valor while serving**
 20 **in the Unites States Armed Forces.**
 21 **(3) Paying the fee under section 6 of this chapter.**
 22 **Sec. 6. The fee for a commendation for valor license plate is the**
 23 **fee set forth in IC 9-29-5-38.7.**
 24 **SECTION 5. IC 9-29-5-38.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**
 25 **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**
 26 **1, 2012]: Sec. 38.7. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-55 is subject**
 27 **to an annual registration fee for a vehicle of the same classification**
 28 **under this chapter and any other fee or tax required of a person**
 29 **registering a vehicle under this title.**

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