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### **Lanane bill to benefit hybrid vehicle companies heads to governor's office**

INDIANAPOLIS— Today the Indiana Senate and Indiana House of Representatives gave final approval to legislation that would establish special automobile license plates for use on research and development vehicles by manufacturers of vehicle subcomponent systems. House Bill (HB) 1188, sponsored by State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson), was approved by a vote of 49 to 1 in the Senate and a vote of 96 to 0 in the House of Representatives.

HB 1188 requires the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish research and development license plates for use by manufacturers of vehicle subcomponent systems, and sets a \$20 fee for a research and development license plate. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to adopt interim written guidelines regarding the classification of research and development license plates, and revises language concerning the responsibility of the Secretary of State related to vehicle dealer services.

The bill makes it easier for hybrid vehicle companies like Bright Corporation in Anderson to legally test drive their manufactured vehicles on Indiana roads and highways.

"This bill will assist Bright by making the licensing process for their test vehicles much simpler," said Sen. Lanane. "While a small step in their overall research and development, the bill does reduce the paperwork and time necessary to get these test vehicles on the road."

HB 1188 will now be sent to the governor for final consideration and possible enactment.

For more information on Sen. Lanane and updates on his activities in the Senate or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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