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## HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1039

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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 9-18.5-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.256-2017, SECTION 133, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to display on the person's vehicle.

(b) The following license plates may be designed as a personalized license plate under this chapter:

- (1) IC 9-18.5-4 (prisoner of war license plates).
- (2) IC 9-18.5-5 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates).
- (3) IC 9-18.5-6 (Purple Heart license plates).
- (4) IC 9-18.5-7 (National Guard license plates).
- (5) IC 9-18.5-8 (license plates for persons with disabilities).
- (6) IC 9-18.5-9 (amateur radio operator license plates).
- (7) IC 9-18.5-10 (civic event license plates).
- (8) IC 9-18.5-11 (In God We Trust license plates).
- (9) IC 9-18.5-12 (special group recognition license plates).
- (10) IC 9-18.5-13 (environmental license plates).
- (11) IC 9-18.5-14 (kids first trust license plates).
- (12) IC 9-18.5-15 (education license plates).
- (13) IC 9-18.5-16 (Indiana FFA trust license plates).
- (14) IC 9-18.5-17 (Indiana firefighter license plates).
- (15) IC 9-18.5-18 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates).

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- (16) IC 9-18.5-19 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates).
- (17) IC 9-18.5-20 (Indiana arts trust license plates).
- (18) IC 9-18.5-21 (Indiana health trust license plates).
- (19) IC 9-18.5-22 (Indiana Native American trust license plates).
- (20) IC 9-18.5-24 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates).
- (21) IC 9-18.5-25 (Indiana state educational institution trust license plates).
- (22) IC 9-18.5-26 (Lewis and Clark expedition license plates).
- (23) IC 9-18.5-27 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates).
- (24) IC 9-18.5-28 (National Football League franchised professional football team license plates).
- (25) IC 9-18.5-29 (Hoosier veteran license plates).
- (26) IC 9-18.5-30 (support our troops license plates).
- (27) IC 9-18.5-31 (Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home license plates).
- (28) IC 9-18.5-32 (Earlham College Trust license plates).
- (29) IC 9-18.5-33 (Indiana Gold Star family member license plates).
- (30) IC 9-18.5-35 (Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plates).**

~~(30)~~ **(31)** A license plate issued under IC 9-18 (before its expiration) or IC 9-18.1.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18.5-6-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016, SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) The bureau shall design a license plate that will designate a vehicle as being registered to:

- (1) an individual; or**
- (2) the surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of an individual;**

who has been awarded a Purple Heart decoration.

(b) Upon proper application, the bureau may modify a license plate designed under subsection ~~(a)~~ **(a)(1)** to designate a vehicle as being registered to an individual who is:

- (1) described in subsection ~~(a)~~ **(a)(1)**; and
- (2) eligible to be issued:
  - (A) a placard under IC 9-14-5 (before its repeal) or IC 9-18.5-8; or
  - (B) a person with a disability registration plate under IC 9-18.5-8.

**An individual described in subsection (a)(2) is not eligible to receive a modified license plate under this subsection.**

(c) An individual who:

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(1) knowingly; or

(2) intentionally;

falsely professes to have the qualifications to obtain a license plate under subsection (b) commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(d) An individual who owns a vehicle bearing a license plate issued under subsection (b) and knows that the individual is not entitled to a license plate issued under subsection (b) commits a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18.5-6-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016, SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. An Indiana resident who:

**(1) is a recipient of; or**

**(2) is the surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a recipient of;**

a Purple Heart decoration may apply for and receive one (1) or more Purple Heart plates.

SECTION 4. IC 9-18.5-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2018, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. This chapter does not apply to the following:

(1) Historic vehicle license plates (IC 9-18.5-34).

(2) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18.5-2).

(3) Disabled Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18.5-5).

(4) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18.5-6).

(5) National Guard license plates (IC 9-18.5-7).

(6) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18.5-8).

(7) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18.5-9).

(8) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18.5-11).

(9) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18.5-24).

(10) Lewis and Clark expedition license plates (IC 9-18.5-26).

(11) National Football League franchised football team license plates (IC 9-18.5-28).

(12) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18.5-29).

(13) Support our troops license plates (IC 9-18.5-30).

(14) Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home license plates (IC 9-18.5-31).

(15) Indiana Gold Star family member license plates (IC 9-18.5-33).

**(16) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plates (IC 9-18.5-35).**

SECTION 5. IC 9-18.5-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]:

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**Chapter 35. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal License Plate**

**Sec. 1. The bureau shall design an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plate that includes the following:**

- (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.**
- (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate the license plate as an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plate.**
- (3) An area on the plate for display of an emblem denoting the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.**
- (4) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**

**Sec. 2. The bureau shall confer with members of armed forces retiree organizations concerning the design of the:**

- (1) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plate; and**
- (2) emblem used to denote the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.**

**Sec. 3. (a) An individual who registers a vehicle under this title may apply for and receive an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plate for one (1) or more vehicles upon doing the following:**

- (1) Completing an application for an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plate.**
- (2) Presenting one (1) of the following to the bureau that shows the individual has been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal:**

- (A) A DD 214 or DD 215 record.**
- (B) United States military discharge papers.**
- (C) A current armed forces identification card.**

- (3) Paying a fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15).**

**(b) The bureau shall distribute the fee described in subsection (a)(3) to the director of veterans' affairs for deposit in the military family relief fund established under IC 10-17-12-8.**



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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