

# HOUSE BILL No. 1053

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18.5.

**Synopsis:** Disabled Hoosier veteran license plate. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) to redesign the disabled Hoosier veteran license plate. Specifies that a disabled Hoosier veteran license plate must consist of the following elements: (1) The display of an emblem denoting the branch of service in which the veteran served. (2) A depiction of a wheelchair to indicate the disabled status of the veteran. (3) The words "Disabled Hoosier Veteran" at the bottom of the license plate. (4) Identification numerals with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle. (5) Any other information the bureau considers necessary. Makes conforming technical amendments.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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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 9-18.5-5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
2 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. **Subject to section 5 of this**  
4 **chapter**, the bureau:

- 5 (1) may design and issue disabled Hoosier veteran license plates  
6 to implement this chapter; and
- 7 (2) shall administer this chapter relating to proper certification for  
8 a person applying for a disabled Hoosier veteran license plate.

9 SECTION 2. IC 9-18.5-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
10 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. **(a)** A disabled Hoosier veteran  
12 license plate must ~~be gold in color with blue lettering and~~ contain the  
13 following:

- 14 (1) Identification numerals **with consecutive numbers or letters,**  
15 **or both, to properly identify the vehicle.**
- 16 (2) The words "Disabled Hoosier Veteran" **at the bottom of the**  
17 **license plate.**



- 1           **(3) A depiction of a wheelchair to indicate the disabled status**  
 2           **of the veteran.**  
 3           **(4) The display of an emblem denoting the branch of service**  
 4           **in which the veteran served.**  
 5           **(5) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.**  
 6           **(b) The branch of service emblem displayed on a plate described**  
 7           **in subsection (a) shall be identical to the appropriate branch of**  
 8           **service emblem devised under IC 9-18.5-29-2.**  
 9           **(c) Except as provided in subsection (a), the disabled Hoosier**  
 10           **veteran license plate must be identical to the Hoosier veteran**  
 11           **license plate described in IC 9-18.5-29-1.**  
 12           SECTION 3. IC 9-18.5-29-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
 13           SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 14           [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. **(a)** The bureau shall design a  
 15           Hoosier veteran license plate that includes the following:  
 16           (1) A basic design for the plate, with consecutive numbers or  
 17           letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.  
 18           (2) A background design or colors that designate the license plate  
 19           as a Hoosier veteran license plate.  
 20           (3) An area on the plate for display of an emblem denoting the  
 21           branch of service or conflict in which the veteran served.  
 22           (4) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.  
 23           **(b) The branch of service emblem displayed on a plate described**  
 24           **in subsection (a) shall be identical to the appropriate branch of**  
 25           **service emblem devised under section 2 of this chapter.**  
 26           SECTION 4. IC 9-18.5-29-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
 27           SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 28           [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. **(a)** The bureau shall confer with  
 29           members of armed forces retiree organizations concerning the design  
 30           of the:  
 31           **(1) Hoosier veteran license plate;**  
 32           **(2) disabled Hoosier veteran license plate; and**  
 33           **(3) the emblems denoting the branch of service or conflict in**  
 34           **which the veteran or disabled veteran served.**  
 35           **(b) The emblems used to denote a branch of service for the:**  
 36           **(1) disabled Hoosier veteran license plate under (IC 9-18.5-5);**  
 37           **and**  
 38           **(2) Hoosier veteran license plate (under this chapter);**  
 39           **must be identical.**

