



March 20, 2019

# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1053

DIGEST OF HB 1053 (Updated March 19, 2019 10:48 am - DI 133)

**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:** January 1, 2020.

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**McNamara, Bartels, Zent, Judy, Bosma, Abbott, Austin,  
Bacon, Bauer, Burton, Candelaria Reardon, Carbaugh,  
Cherry, Chyung, Cook, DeVon, Eberhart, Ellington,  
Engleman, Errington, Fleming, Forestal, GiaQuinta,  
Goodin, Goodrich, Gutwein, Hamilton, Harris, Hatfield,  
Heaton, Hostettler, Jackson, Kirchhofer, Klinker, Lauer,  
Lindauer, Lucas, Mahan, Manning, May, Miller D,  
Morris, Moseley, Negele, Pressel, Pryor, Schaibley,  
Stutzman, Summers, Thompson, Torr, Wright**  
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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
January 31, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
February 4, 2019, read second time, ordered engrossed.  
February 5, 2019, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 95, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.  
March 19, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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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 JANUARY 1, 2020]: 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 JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. **(a)** A disabled Hoosier  
12 veteran license plate must be **gold in color with blue lettering** and  
13 contain the 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.**

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- 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 JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. **(a)** The bureau shall design  
 15           a 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 JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. **(a)** The bureau shall confer  
 29           with members of armed forces retiree organizations concerning the  
 30           design 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.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1053, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Replace the effective dates in SECTIONS 1 through 4 with "[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1053 as introduced.)

SULLIVAN

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill No. 1053, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to HB 1053 as printed February 1, 2019.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

