

# HOUSE BILL No. 1469

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Don't Tread on Me license plate. Establishes the Don't Tread on Me license plate (plate). Specifies that: (1) the plate must bear the slogan "Don't Tread on Me" and a depiction of a coiled snake; (2) the plate is not a special group recognition license plate; and (3) the cost for the plate is an annual registration fee for a vehicle of the same classification and any other fee or tax required of a person registering a vehicle.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 15, 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 9-18.5-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.256-2017,  
2 SECTION 133, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may apply to the  
4 bureau for a personalized license plate to display on the person's  
5 vehicle.  
6 (b) The following license plates may be designed as a personalized  
7 license plate under this chapter:  
8 (1) IC 9-18.5-4 (prisoner of war license plates).  
9 (2) IC 9-18.5-5 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates).  
10 (3) IC 9-18.5-6 (Purple Heart license plates).  
11 (4) IC 9-18.5-7 (National Guard license plates).  
12 (5) IC 9-18.5-8 (license plates for persons with disabilities).  
13 (6) IC 9-18.5-9 (amateur radio operator license plates).  
14 (7) IC 9-18.5-10 (civic event license plates).  
15 (8) IC 9-18.5-11 (In God We Trust license plates).  
16 (9) IC 9-18.5-12 (special group recognition license plates).  
17 (10) IC 9-18.5-13 (environmental license plates).



- 1 (11) IC 9-18.5-14 (kids first trust license plates).
- 2 (12) IC 9-18.5-15 (education license plates).
- 3 (13) IC 9-18.5-16 (Indiana FFA trust license plates).
- 4 (14) IC 9-18.5-17 (Indiana firefighter license plates).
- 5 (15) IC 9-18.5-18 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates).
- 6 (16) IC 9-18.5-19 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates).
- 7 (17) IC 9-18.5-20 (Indiana arts trust license plates).
- 8 (18) IC 9-18.5-21 (Indiana health trust license plates).
- 9 (19) IC 9-18.5-22 (Indiana Native American trust license plates).
- 10 (20) IC 9-18.5-24 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates).
- 11 (21) IC 9-18.5-25 (Indiana state educational institution trust
- 12 license plates).
- 13 (22) IC 9-18.5-26 (Lewis and Clark expedition license plates).
- 14 (23) IC 9-18.5-27 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates).
- 15 (24) IC 9-18.5-28 (National Football League franchised
- 16 professional football team license plates).
- 17 (25) IC 9-18.5-29 (Hoosier veteran license plates).
- 18 (26) IC 9-18.5-30 (support our troops license plates).
- 19 (27) IC 9-18.5-31 (Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home license
- 20 plates).
- 21 (28) IC 9-18.5-32 (Earlham College Trust license plates).
- 22 (29) IC 9-18.5-33 (Indiana Gold Star family member license
- 23 plates).
- 24 **(30) IC 9-18.5-35 (Don't Tread on Me license plates).**
- 25 ~~(30)~~ **(31)** A license plate issued under IC 9-18 (before its
- 26 expiration) or IC 9-18.1.
- 27 SECTION 2. IC 9-18.5-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2018,
- 28 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 29 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. This chapter does not apply to the following:
- 30 (1) Historic vehicle license plates (IC 9-18.5-34).
- 31 (2) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18.5-2).
- 32 (3) Disabled Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18.5-5).
- 33 (4) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18.5-6).
- 34 (5) National Guard license plates (IC 9-18.5-7).
- 35 (6) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18.5-8).
- 36 (7) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18.5-9).
- 37 (8) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18.5-11).
- 38 (9) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18.5-24).
- 39 (10) Lewis and Clark expedition license plates (IC 9-18.5-26).
- 40 (11) National Football League franchised football team license
- 41 plates (IC 9-18.5-28).
- 42 (12) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18.5-29).



- 1 (13) Support our troops license plates (IC 9-18.5-30).  
 2 (14) Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home license plates  
 3 (IC 9-18.5-31).  
 4 (15) Indiana Gold Star family member license plates  
 5 (IC 9-18.5-33).  
 6 **(16) Don't Tread on Me license plates (IC 9-18.5-35).**  
 7 SECTION 3. IC 9-18.5-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 8 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2019]:  
 10 **Chapter 35. Don't Tread on Me License Plates**  
 11 **Sec. 1. The bureau shall design a Don't Tread on Me license**  
 12 **plate.**  
 13 **Sec. 2. A Don't Tread on Me license plate must include the**  
 14 **following:**  
 15 (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or  
 16 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.  
 17 (2) A yellow background color.  
 18 (3) The slogan "Don't Tread on Me".  
 19 (4) A depiction of a coiled snake.  
 20 (5) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.  
 21 **Sec. 3. A person that is a resident of Indiana and that is eligible**  
 22 **to register and display a license plate on a vehicle under this title**  
 23 **may apply for and receive a Don't Tread on Me license plate for**  
 24 **one (1) or more vehicles after completing an application for a Don't**  
 25 **Tread on Me license plate. There is no additional fee for a Don't**  
 26 **Tread on Me license plate.**

