



January 12, 2022

SENATE BILL No. 124

DIGEST OF SB 124 (Updated January 11, 2022 10:04 am - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 9-21; IC 9-30.

Synopsis: Motor vehicle operation. Provides that an individual subject to both an administrative license suspension and a court ordered license suspension must file a petition for specialized driving privileges in the court that ordered the suspension. Requires a person to use a stop or turn signal a reasonable period of time before stopping, slowing, turning, or changing lanes. Repeals a statute requiring the use of a turn signal 200 feet before making a turn.

Effective: July 1, 2022; January 1, 2023.

Freeman

January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.
January 11, 2022, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL No. 124

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 9-21-8-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023]: Sec. 24. **(a)** A person
3 may not:
4 (1) slow down or stop a vehicle;
5 (2) turn a vehicle from a direct course upon a highway; or
6 (3) change from one (1) traffic lane to another;
7 unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety.
8 **(b) A reasonable time** before making a movement described in this
9 section, a person shall ~~give~~ **provide notice of the person's intention**
10 **by giving:**
11 (1) a clearly audible **horn** signal ~~by sounding the horn~~ if any
12 pedestrian may be affected by the movement; and
13 (2) ~~give~~ an appropriate stop or turn signal in the manner provided
14 in sections 27 through 28 of this chapter. ~~if any other vehicle may~~
15 ~~be affected by the movement.~~
16 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-8-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
17 JANUARY 1, 2023]. ~~Sec. 25: A signal of intention to turn right or left~~

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1 shall be given continuously during not less than the last two hundred
 2 (200) feet traveled by a vehicle before turning or changing lanes. A
 3 vehicle traveling in a speed zone of at least fifty (50) miles per hour
 4 shall give a signal continuously for not less than the last three hundred
 5 (300) feet traveled by the vehicle before turning or changing lanes.

6 SECTION 3. IC 9-30-16-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 7 SECTION 609, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. (a) An individual whose driving
 9 privileges have been suspended by the bureau by an administrative
 10 action and not by a court order may petition a court for specialized
 11 driving privileges as described in section 3(b) through 3(d) of this
 12 chapter.

13 (b) A petition filed under this section must:

- 14 (1) be verified by the petitioner;
- 15 (2) state the petitioner's age, date of birth, and address;
- 16 (3) state the grounds for relief and the relief sought;
- 17 (4) be filed in the appropriate county, as determined under
- 18 subsection (d);
- 19 (5) be filed in a circuit or superior court; and
- 20 (6) be served on the bureau and the prosecuting attorney.

21 (c) A prosecuting attorney shall appear on behalf of the bureau to
 22 respond to a petition filed under this section.

23 (d) An individual whose driving privileges are suspended in Indiana
 24 ~~must~~ **may** file a petition for specialized driving privileges. **The petition**
 25 **must be filed** as follows:

- 26 (1) **Except as provided in subdivision (2)**, if the individual is an
 27 Indiana resident, in the county in which the individual resides.
- 28 (2) **If the individual is an Indiana resident and is subject to an**
 29 **active administrative suspension under this section in addition**
 30 **to an active court ordered suspension under section 3 or 3.5**
 31 **of this chapter, in the court that has ordered or imposed a**
 32 **suspension of the individual's driving privileges.**
- 33 ~~(2)~~ (3) If the individual was an Indiana resident at the time the
 34 individual's driving privileges were suspended but is currently a
 35 nonresident, in the county in which the individual's most recent
 36 Indiana moving violation judgment was entered against the
 37 individual.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 124, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 1 with "[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023]".

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023]: Sec. 24. **(a)** A person may not:

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- (2) turn a vehicle from a direct course upon a highway; or
- (3) change from one (1) traffic lane to another;

unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety.

(b) A reasonable time before making a movement described in this section, a person shall ~~give~~ **provide notice of the person's intention by giving:**

- (1)** a clearly audible **horn** signal ~~by sounding the horn~~ if any pedestrian may be affected by the movement; and
- (2)** ~~give~~ an appropriate stop or turn signal in the manner provided in sections 27 through 28 of this chapter. ~~if any other vehicle may be affected by the movement.~~

Page 2, line 9, strike "must" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, line 9, delete "privileges" and insert "privileges. **The petition must be filed**".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 124 as introduced.)

YOUNG M, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

