



January 12, 2022

SENATE BILL No. 156

DIGEST OF SB 156 (Updated January 11, 2022 10:48 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 9-25; IC 9-26; IC 10-11.

Synopsis: Motor vehicle crash investigations. Changes the property damage requirement to \$2,500 (current law is \$1,000) for certain failures to provide evidence of financial responsibility following a motor vehicle accident. Changes the apparent damage requirement for a law enforcement officer to investigate motor vehicle accidents involving property damage to \$2,500 (current law is \$1,000). Adds certain infractions and offenses to the list of violations enforceable by weigh station supervisors or operators.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.
January 11, 2022, 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.

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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 9-25-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.59-2013,
2 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. The bureau may not suspend or revoke the
4 driver's license, driving privileges, or registration plates of the owner
5 or operator of a motor vehicle who has been involved in a motor
6 vehicle accident resulting in bodily injury or death or in damage to
7 property in excess of ~~one two~~ thousand **five hundred** dollars (~~\$1,000~~)
8 **(\$2,500)** solely because of failure to provide evidence of financial
9 responsibility whenever the:
10 (1) owner or operator was insured by an insurance company for
11 public liability and property damage at the time of the accident;
12 and
13 (2) insurance company becomes insolvent after the accident or
14 within fifteen (15) days before the accident;
15 if the insurance company was authorized and qualified to do business
16 in Indiana on the effective date of the policy.
17 SECTION 2. IC 9-26-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. A law enforcement officer shall
 2 investigate each motor vehicle accident that results in any of the
 3 following:

4 (1) The injury or death of a person.

5 (2) Total property damage to an apparent extent of at least ~~one~~
 6 **two thousand five hundred** dollars (~~\$1,000~~): **(\$2,500)**.

7 SECTION 3. IC 9-26-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. (a) A law enforcement officer
 9 shall enforce IC 9-21 and IC 9-25 against the parties to a motor vehicle
 10 accident on private property if the accident:

11 (1) occurs on commercial or other private property that is open to
 12 the public; and

13 (2) results in:

14 (A) personal injury or death; or

15 (B) property damage to an apparent extent greater than ~~one~~
 16 **two thousand five hundred** dollars (~~\$1,000~~): **(\$2,500)**.

17 (b) This section does not affect the power of a local government unit
 18 to contract with the owner or lessee of a shopping center or private
 19 business property under IC 9-21-18-4.

20 SECTION 4. IC 10-11-2-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.257-2017,
 21 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 26. (a) The superintendent may assign qualified
 23 persons who are not state police officers to supervise or operate
 24 permanent or portable weigh stations. A person assigned under this
 25 section may stop, inspect, and issue citations to operators of trucks and
 26 trailers having a declared gross weight of at least ten thousand one
 27 (10,001) pounds and buses at a permanent or portable weigh station or
 28 while operating a clearly marked Indiana state police vehicle for
 29 violations of the following:

30 (1) IC 6-1.1-7-10.

31 (2) IC 6-6-1.1-1202.

32 (3) IC 6-6-2.5.

33 (4) IC 6-6-4.1-12.

34 (5) IC 8-2.1.

35 (6) IC 9-18 (before its expiration) or IC 9-18.1.

36 (7) IC 9-19.

37 (8) IC 9-20.

38 (9) IC 9-21-7-2 through IC 9-21-7-11.

39 (10) IC 9-21-8-41 pertaining to the duty to obey an official traffic
 40 control device for a weigh station.

41 (11) IC 9-21-8-45 through IC 9-21-8-48.

42 **(12) IC 9-21-8-59.**



- 1 ~~(12)~~ **(13)** IC 9-21-9.
2 ~~(13)~~ **(14)** IC 9-21-15.
3 ~~(14)~~ **(15)** IC 9-24-1-1.
4 ~~(15)~~ **(16)** IC 9-24-1-7.
5 ~~(16)~~ **(17)** IC 9-24-3-4.5.
6 ~~(17)~~ **(18)** IC 9-24-4.
7 ~~(18)~~ **(19)** IC 9-24-5 (before its expiration).
8 ~~(19)~~ **(20)** Except as provided in subsection (c), IC 9-24-6.1.
9 ~~(20)~~ **(21)** IC 9-24-8.5.
10 ~~(21)~~ **(22)** IC 9-24-11-4.
11 **(23) IC 9-24-11-7.**
12 **(24) IC 9-24-11-8(a).**
13 **(25) IC 9-24-11-8(b).**
14 ~~(22)~~ **(26)** IC 9-24-13-3.
15 ~~(23)~~ **(27)** IC 9-24-18-1.
16 ~~(24)~~ **(28)** IC 9-25-4-3.
17 ~~(25)~~ **(29)** IC 9-28-4.
18 ~~(26)~~ **(30)** IC 9-28-5.
19 ~~(27)~~ **(31)** IC 10-14-8.
20 ~~(28)~~ **(32)** IC 13-17-5-1, IC 13-17-5-3, or IC 13-17-5-4.
21 ~~(29)~~ **(33)** IC 13-30-2-1.
22 (b) For the purpose of enforcing this section, a person assigned
23 under this section may detain a person in the same manner as a law
24 enforcement officer under IC 34-28-5-3.
25 (c) A person assigned under this section may not enforce
26 IC 9-24-6.1-7 and IC 9-24-6.1-8.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 156, 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 SB 156 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

