

## SENATE BILL No. 182

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13-2-196.5; IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-38.6.

**Synopsis:** Vietnam veterans license plates. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a Vietnam veterans license plate beginning January 1, 2015. Establishes criteria for a veteran to be issued a Vietnam veterans license plate. Makes conforming amendments.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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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 9-13-2-196.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2006,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 196.5. (a) "Veteran", for purposes of IC 9-18-50,  
4 has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-50-1.

5 (b) "Veteran", for purposes of IC 9-18-55, has the meaning set  
6 forth in IC 9-18-55-1.

7 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.262-2013,  
8 SECTION 73, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or  
10 lessee of a:

- 11 (1) passenger motor vehicle;  
12 (2) motorcycle;  
13 (3) recreational vehicle; or  
14 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of  
15 not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;  
16 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original



1 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau  
 2 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which  
 3 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.

4 (b) A person who:

5 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in  
 6 subsection (a); and

7 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

8 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

9 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates);

10 (C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);

11 (D) IC 9-18-20 (National Guard license plates);

12 (E) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

13 (F) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

14 (G) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

15 (H) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);

16 (I) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

17 (J) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

18 (K) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

19 (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

20 (M) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

21 (N) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

22 (O) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

23 (P) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

24 (Q) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

25 (R) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

26 (S) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license  
 27 plates);

28 (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license  
 29 plates);

30 (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

31 (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

32 (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

33 (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

34 (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);

35 (Z) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

36 (AA) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust  
 37 license plates);

38 (BB) IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);

39 (CC) IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);

40 (DD) IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised  
 41 professional football team license plates);

42 (EE) IC 9-18-50 (Hoosier veteran license plates);



1 (FF) IC 9-18-51 (support our troops license plates);  
 2 (GG) IC 9-18-52 (Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license  
 3 plates);  
 4 (HH) IC 9-18-53 (Earlham College Trust license plates); ~~or~~  
 5 (II) IC 9-18-54 (Indiana Gold Star family member license  
 6 plates); **or**  
 7 **(JJ) IC 9-18-55 (Vietnam veterans license plates);**  
 8 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed  
 9 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular  
 10 special recognition license plate.

11 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2013,  
 12 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- 14 (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- 15 (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- 16 (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- 17 (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- 18 (5) Disabled Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- 19 (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- 20 (7) National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- 21 (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- 22 (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- 23 (10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).
- 24 (11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).
- 25 (12) Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-50).
- 26 (13) Support our troops license plates (IC 9-18-51).
- 27 (14) Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license plates (IC 9-18-52).
- 28 (15) Indiana Gold Star family member license plates (IC 9-18-54).
- 29 **(16) Vietnam veterans license plates (IC 9-18-55).**

30 SECTION 4. IC 9-18-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 31 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 32 1, 2014]:

33 **Chapter 55. Vietnam Veterans License Plates**

34 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "veteran" refers to an individual**  
 35 **who has served as a member of the armed forces of the United**  
 36 **States at any time from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975**  
 37 **(Vietnam Conflict).**

38 **Sec. 2. The bureau shall design a Vietnam veterans license plate**  
 39 **to be issued beginning January 1, 2015.**

40 **Sec. 3. A Vietnam veterans license plate must include the**  
 41 **following:**

- 42 **(1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or**



1 letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.

2 (2) A background design or colors that designate the license  
3 plate as a Vietnam veterans license plate.

4 (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

5 Sec. 4. The bureau shall confer with members of armed forces  
6 retiree organizations concerning the design of the Vietnam  
7 veterans license plate and the emblems denoting the branch of  
8 service or conflict in which the veteran served.

9 Sec. 5. A Vietnam veterans license plate issued under this  
10 chapter may be displayed on the following:

11 (1) A passenger motor vehicle.

12 (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight  
13 of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.

14 (3) A recreational vehicle.

15 (4) A motorcycle.

16 Sec. 6. A veteran who is a resident of Indiana and eligible to  
17 register a vehicle listed in section 5 of this chapter may apply for  
18 and receive a Vietnam veterans license plate for one (1) or more  
19 vehicles upon doing the following:

20 (1) Completing an application for a Vietnam veterans license  
21 plate.

22 (2) Presenting:

23 (A) a United States Uniformed Services Retiree  
24 Identification Card;

25 (B) proof of discharge; or

26 (C) a current armed forces identification card;

27 to the bureau.

28 (3) Paying the fees under section 7 of this chapter.

29 Sec. 7. The fees for a Vietnam veterans license plate are set forth  
30 in IC 9-29-5-38.6.

31 SECTION 5. IC 9-29-5-38.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.87-2010,  
32 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
33 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 38.6. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-54 or  
34 IC 9-18-55 is subject to an annual registration fee and any other fee or  
35 tax required of a person registering a vehicle under this title.

