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## SENATE BILL No. 375

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DIGEST OF SB 375 (Updated January 18, 2018 2:11 pm - DI 132)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13; IC 9-17; IC 9-18.1.

**Synopsis:** Transport operator. Defines "disposable trailer". Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to issue a transport operator license plate to an operator of a tractor-mobile home rig or a special tractor-mobile home rig transporting a sectionalized building using a disposable trailer upon application for the license plates. Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2018.

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### Doriot, Crider

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January 8, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.  
January 16, 2018, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
January 18, 2018, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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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 2017 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 9-13-2-44.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 44.5. "Disposable trailer" means a trailer that is**  
4 **designed for single use transportation of a sectionalized building**  
5 **after which the parts of the trailer are disassembled to be sold or**  
6 **recycled.**  
7           SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-187, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2015,  
8 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 187. "Transport operator" means any of the  
10 following:  
11           (1) An Indiana resident or business engaged in the business of  
12 furnishing drivers and operators for the purpose of transporting  
13 **motor** vehicles in transit from one (1) place to another by the  
14 drive away or tow away methods.  
15           (2) An Indiana dealer or manufacturer engaged in the operation  
16 or business described in subdivision (1). An Indiana dealer  
17 described in this subdivision must hold a valid Indiana dealer

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1 license.

2 (3) An Indiana business that prepares newly purchased **motor**  
3 vehicles of the business and delivers the **motor** vehicles to the  
4 locations where the **motor** vehicles will be based, titled, and  
5 registered.

6 **(4) An operator of a tractor-mobile home rig or a special**  
7 **tractor-mobile home rig transporting a sectionalized building**  
8 **using a disposable trailer.**

9 SECTION 3. IC 9-17-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
10 SECTION 199, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 1. (a) This article does not apply to  
12 the following:

13 (1) A vehicle that is not required to be registered under IC 9-18-2  
14 (before its expiration) or IC 9-18.1.

15 (2) Special machinery.

16 (3) A motor vehicle that was designed to have a maximum design  
17 speed of not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and that  
18 was built, constructed, modified, or assembled by a person other  
19 than the manufacturer.

20 (4) Motor driven cycles.

21 (5) An off-road vehicle that was purchased or otherwise acquired  
22 before January 1, 2010.

23 (6) Snowmobiles.

24 (7) A watercraft that is not required to be registered under  
25 IC 9-31-3.

26 **(8) A disposable trailer.**

27 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person may apply for:

28 (1) a certificate of title under IC 9-17-2-2; or

29 (2) a special identification number under IC 9-17-4;

30 for a vehicle listed in subsection (a).

31 (c) If the bureau issues a certificate of title under subsection (b)(1),  
32 the vehicle remains subject to this article until the titleholder  
33 surrenders the title to the bureau.

34 SECTION 4. IC 9-18.1-12-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
35 SECTION 326, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply  
37 to a vehicle registered as a recovery vehicle under IC 9-18.1-6.

38 (b) A transport operator may, instead of registering each motor  
39 vehicle transported **or disposable trailer used**, make a verified  
40 application upon a form prescribed by the bureau and furnished by the  
41 bureau for a general distinctive registration number for:

42 (1) all motor vehicles transported by the transport operator and



1 used and operated for the purposes provided; **or**  
 2 **(2) all disposable trailers used and operated for the purpose**  
 3 **of transporting sectionalized buildings.**

4 **(c)** The application must contain the following:

5 (1) A brief description of:

6 **(A)** each style or type of motor vehicle transported; **or**

7 **(B) the type of disposable trailer used to transport the**  
 8 **sectionalized building.**

9 (2) The name and address, including the county of residence, of  
 10 the transport operator.

11 **(3) For an application to use a disposable trailer, a statement**  
 12 **that the disposable trailer will be disassembled after a single**  
 13 **use.**

14 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** Any other information the bureau requires.

15 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The bureau, upon receiving:

16 (1) an application for a transport operator license plate; and

17 (2) the fee under subsection ~~(i)~~; **(j)**;

18 shall issue to the person that submitted the application and fee two (2)  
 19 certificates of registration and the license plates with numbers  
 20 corresponding to the numbers of the certificates of registration. A  
 21 transport operator may obtain as many additional pairs of license plates  
 22 as desired upon application and the payment to the bureau of the fee  
 23 under subsection ~~(k)~~ **(l)** for each pair of additional license plates.

24 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** A license plate or sign other than those furnished and  
 25 approved by the bureau may not be used.

26 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** A transport operator license plate may not be used on a  
 27 vehicle used or operated on a highway, except for the purpose of  
 28 transporting:

29 **(1) vehicles in transit; or**

30 **(2) sectionalized buildings.**

31 A person may haul other vehicles or parts of vehicles in transit in the  
 32 same combination.

33 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** A transport operator may not operate a vehicle or any  
 34 combination of vehicles in excess of the size and weight limits  
 35 specified by law.

36 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** A license plate issued under this section shall be displayed  
 37 on the front and rear of each combination, and if only one (1) motor  
 38 vehicle is transported, a license plate shall be displayed on both the  
 39 front and rear of the motor vehicle.

40 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** The bureau may not issue transport operator license plates to  
 41 a transport operator that has been convicted of violating this section  
 42 until the bureau is satisfied that the transport operator is able to comply



- 1 with the requirements of this section.
- 2 ~~(i)~~ **(j)** The fee for one (1) set of license plates for each transport  
 3 operator is one hundred thirty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents  
 4 (\$139.25). The fee shall be distributed as follows:  
 5 (1) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) to the state police building account.  
 6 (2) Five dollars (\$5) to the crossroads 2000 fund.  
 7 (3) Nine dollars (\$9) to the commission fund.  
 8 (4) Thirty dollars (\$30) to the highway, road and street fund.  
 9 (5) Ninety-five dollars (\$95) to the motor vehicle highway  
 10 account.
- 11 ~~(j)~~ **(k)** The fee for the first two (2) sets of license plates for each  
 12 transport operator is one hundred fifty-eight dollars and twenty-five  
 13 cents (\$158.25). The fee shall be distributed as follows:  
 14 (1) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) to the state police building account.  
 15 (2) Fifteen dollars (\$15) to the crossroads 2000 fund.  
 16 (3) Eighteen dollars (\$18) to the commission fund.  
 17 (4) Thirty dollars (\$30) to the highway, road and street fund.  
 18 (5) Ninety-five dollars (\$95) to the motor vehicle highway  
 19 account.
- 20 ~~(k)~~ **(l)** The fee for each additional set of license plates for a transport  
 21 operator is thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$34.25). The fee  
 22 shall be distributed as follows:  
 23 (1) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) to the state police building account.  
 24 (2) Nine dollars (\$9) to the commission fund.  
 25 (3) Ten dollars (\$10) to the crossroads 2000 fund.  
 26 (4) Fifteen dollars (\$15) to the motor vehicle highway account.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 375, 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 375 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 375 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 39, delete "used," and insert "**used**".

(Reference is to SB 375 as printed January 17, 2018.)

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