

SENATE BILL No. 379

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-24.

Synopsis: Autism information on state issued identification. Provides that an identifying symbol for a medical condition on a driver's license, permit, or identification card may also be used to indicate an autism spectrum disorder.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021.

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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 9-24-9-2.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.82-2019,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2.3. (a) An application for a driver's license or
4 permit under this chapter must contain the following questions:
5 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States?".
6 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the
7 armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National
8 Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?".
9 (b) In addition to the questions set forth in subsection (a), an
10 application for a driver's license or permit to be issued under this article
11 must enable the applicant to indicate the following:
12 (1) The applicant is a veteran and wishes to have an indication of
13 the applicant's veteran status appear on the driver's license or
14 permit.
15 (2) The applicant is the surviving spouse of a veteran of the armed
16 forces of the United States and wishes to have an indication of the
17 applicant's status as a surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the



1 license or permit.

2 (3) The applicant has a medical condition of note, **including**
 3 **autism (as defined in IC 12-11-8-1)**, and wishes to have an
 4 identifying symbol and a brief description of the medical
 5 condition appear on the driver's license or permit.

6 (c) The bureau shall keep in a data base and share the information
 7 submitted under subsections (a) and (b)(2) upon request by the Indiana
 8 department of veterans' affairs. The information submitted under
 9 subsections (a) and (b)(2) may be used by the Indiana department of
 10 veterans' affairs to develop outreach programs for veterans and their
 11 families.

12 (d) The application for a driver's license or permit under this chapter
 13 must indicate that an applicant has the option whether or not to answer
 14 the questions set forth in subsection (a).

15 SECTION 2. IC 9-24-11-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2017,
 16 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5.5. (a) If an individual has:

18 (1) indicated on the application for a driver's license or learner's
 19 permit that the individual is a veteran and wishes to have an
 20 indication of the individual's veteran status appear on the driver's
 21 license or learner's permit; and

22 (2) provided proof at the time of application of the individual's
 23 veteran status;

24 an indication of the individual's veteran status shall be shown on the
 25 driver's license or learner's permit.

26 (b) If an individual has:

27 (1) indicated on the individual's application for a driver's license
 28 or learner's permit that the applicant:

29 (A) is a surviving spouse of a veteran; and

30 (B) wishes to have an indication of the applicant's status as a
 31 surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the driver's license or
 32 learner's permit; and

33 (2) provided the documentation necessary to verify that the
 34 applicant was married, at the time of the decedent's death, to a
 35 veteran;

36 an indication of the individual's status as a surviving spouse of a
 37 veteran shall be shown on the driver's license or learner's permit.

38 (c) If an individual submits information concerning the individual's
 39 medical condition, **including autism (as defined in IC 12-11-8-1)**, in
 40 conjunction with the individual's application for a driver's license or
 41 learner's permit, the bureau shall place an identifying symbol on the
 42 face of the driver's license or learner's permit to indicate that the



1 individual has a medical condition of note. The bureau shall include
 2 information on the individual's driver's license or learner's permit that
 3 briefly describes the individual's medical condition. The information
 4 must be printed in a manner that alerts an individual reading the
 5 driver's license or learner's permit to the existence of the medical
 6 condition. The individual submitting the information concerning the
 7 medical condition is responsible for its accuracy.

8 SECTION 3. IC 9-24-11-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2019,
 9 SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5.5. (a) If an individual has:

11 (1) indicated on the application for a driver's license or learner's
 12 permit that the individual is a veteran and wishes to have an
 13 indication of the individual's veteran status appear on the driver's
 14 license or learner's permit; and

15 (2) provided proof at the time of application of the individual's
 16 veteran status;

17 an indication of the individual's veteran status shall be shown on the
 18 driver's license or learner's permit.

19 (b) If an individual has:

20 (1) indicated on the individual's application for a driver's license
 21 or learner's permit that the applicant:

22 (A) is a surviving spouse of a veteran; and

23 (B) wishes to have an indication of the applicant's status as a
 24 surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the driver's license or
 25 learner's permit; and

26 (2) provided the documentation necessary to verify that the
 27 applicant was married, at the time of the decedent's death, to a
 28 veteran;

29 an indication of the individual's status as a surviving spouse of a
 30 veteran shall be shown on the driver's license or learner's permit.

31 (c) If an individual submits information concerning the individual's
 32 medical condition, **including autism (as defined in IC 12-11-8-1)**, in
 33 conjunction with the individual's application for a driver's license or
 34 learner's permit, the bureau shall place an identifying symbol in a
 35 prominent location on a driver's license or learner's permit to indicate
 36 that the individual has a medical condition of note. The bureau shall
 37 include information on the individual's driver's license or learner's
 38 permit that briefly describes the individual's medical condition. The
 39 information must be notated in a manner that alerts an individual
 40 reading the driver's license or learner's permit to the existence of the
 41 medical condition. The individual submitting the information
 42 concerning the medical condition is responsible for its accuracy.



1 SECTION 4. IC 9-24-16-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.82-2019,
 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) An identification card must have the same
 4 dimensions and shape as a driver's license, but the card must have
 5 markings sufficient to distinguish the card from a driver's license.

6 (b) Except as provided in subsection (g), the front side of an
 7 identification card must contain the expiration date of the identification
 8 card and the following information about the individual to whom the
 9 card is being issued:

- 10 (1) Full legal name.
- 11 (2) The address of the principal residence.
- 12 (3) Date of birth.
- 13 (4) Date of issue and date of expiration.
- 14 (5) Unique identification number.
- 15 (6) Gender.
- 16 (7) Weight.
- 17 (8) Height.
- 18 (9) Color of eyes and hair.
- 19 (10) Reproduction of the signature of the individual identified.
- 20 (11) Whether the individual is blind (as defined in
 21 IC 12-7-2-21(1)).
- 22 (12) If the individual is less than eighteen (18) years of age at the
 23 time of issuance, the dates on which the individual will become:
 24 (A) eighteen (18) years of age; and
 25 (B) twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 26 (13) If the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age but less
 27 than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of issuance, the date
 28 on which the individual will become twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 29 (14) Digital photograph of the individual.

30 (c) The information contained on the identification card as required
 31 by subsection (b)(12) or (b)(13) for an individual who is less than
 32 twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of issuance shall be printed
 33 prominently on the identification card.

34 (d) If the individual complies with section 2(f) or 2(g) of this
 35 chapter, an indication of the individual's veteran status or status as the
 36 surviving spouse of a veteran of the armed forces of the United States,
 37 as applicable, shall be shown on the identification card.

38 (e) If the applicant for an identification card submits information to
 39 the bureau concerning the applicant's medical condition, **including**
 40 **autism (as defined in IC 12-11-8-1)**, the bureau shall place an
 41 identifying symbol on the face of the identification card to indicate that
 42 the applicant has a medical condition of note. The bureau shall include



1 information on the identification card that briefly describes the medical
 2 condition of the holder of the card. The information must be printed in
 3 a manner that alerts a person reading the card to the existence of the
 4 medical condition. The applicant for an identification card is
 5 responsible for the accuracy of the information concerning the medical
 6 condition submitted under this subsection. The bureau shall inform an
 7 applicant that submission of information under this subsection is
 8 voluntary.

- 9 (f) An identification card issued by the state to an individual who:
 10 (1) has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or has nonimmigrant
 11 visa status for entry in the United States;
 12 (2) has a pending application for asylum in the United States;
 13 (3) has a pending or approved application for temporary protected
 14 status in the United States;
 15 (4) has approved deferred action status; or
 16 (5) has a pending application for adjustment of status to that of an
 17 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United
 18 States or conditional permanent residence status in the United
 19 States;

20 must be clearly identified as a temporary identification card. A
 21 temporary identification card issued under this subsection may not be
 22 renewed without the presentation of valid documentary evidence
 23 proving that the holder of the identification card's temporary status has
 24 been extended.

25 (g) For purposes of subsection (b), an individual certified as a
 26 program participant in the address confidentiality program under
 27 IC 5-26.5 is not required to provide the address of the individual's
 28 principal residence, but may provide an address designated by the
 29 office of the attorney general under IC 5-26.5 as the address of the
 30 individual's principal residence.

31 (h) The bureau shall validate an identification card for Class B
 32 motor driven cycle operation upon a highway by endorsement to an
 33 individual who:

- 34 (1) applies for or has previously been issued an identification card
 35 under this chapter;
 36 (2) makes the appropriate application for endorsement; and
 37 (3) satisfactorily completes the test required under section 3.6 of
 38 this chapter.

39 The bureau shall place a designation on the face of the identification
 40 card to indicate that the individual has received a Class B motor driven
 41 cycle endorsement.

42 SECTION 5. IC 9-24-16-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2019,



1 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. (a) An identification card:

3 (1) in physical form must have the same dimensions and shape as
4 a driver's license; and

5 (2) in the form of a mobile credential must have the same format
6 as a driver's license;

7 but the card must have markings sufficient to distinguish the card from
8 a driver's license.

9 (b) Except as provided in subsection (g), the front side of a physical
10 identification card or the top portion of an identification card in the
11 format of a mobile credential must contain the expiration date of the
12 identification card and the following information about the individual
13 to whom the card is being issued:

14 (1) Full legal name.

15 (2) The address of the principal residence.

16 (3) Date of birth.

17 (4) Date of issue and date of expiration.

18 (5) Unique identification number.

19 (6) Gender.

20 (7) Weight.

21 (8) Height.

22 (9) Color of eyes and hair.

23 (10) Reproduction of the signature of the individual identified.

24 (11) Whether the individual is blind (as defined in
25 IC 12-7-2-21(1)).

26 (12) If the individual is less than eighteen (18) years of age at the
27 time of issuance, the dates on which the individual will become:

28 (A) eighteen (18) years of age; and

29 (B) twenty-one (21) years of age.

30 (13) If the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age but less
31 than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of issuance, the date
32 on which the individual will become twenty-one (21) years of age.

33 (14) Digital photograph of the individual.

34 (c) The information contained on the identification card as required
35 by subsection (b)(12) or (b)(13) for an individual who is less than
36 twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of issuance shall be notated
37 prominently on the identification card.

38 (d) If the individual complies with section 2(f) or 2(g) of this
39 chapter, an indication of the individual's veteran status or status as the
40 surviving spouse of a veteran of the armed forces of the United States,
41 as applicable, shall be shown on the identification card.

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1 the bureau concerning the applicant's medical condition, **including**
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6 condition of the holder of the card. The information must be printed in
7 a manner that alerts a person reading the card to the existence of the
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36 motor driven cycle operation upon a highway by endorsement to an
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42 this chapter.



- 1 The bureau shall place a designation on the face of the identification
2 card to indicate that the individual has received a Class B motor driven
3 cycle endorsement.
- 4 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) It is the intent**
5 **of the general assembly that the following sections amended by this**
6 **act are effective until July 1, 2021:**
- 7 (1) IC 9-24-11-5.5, as amended by P.L.65-2017, SECTION 2,
8 as amended by this act.
- 9 (2) IC 9-24-16-3, as amended by P.L.82-2019, SECTION 3, as
10 amended by this act.
- 11 **(b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the following**
12 **sections amended by this act are effective July 1, 2021:**
- 13 (1) IC 9-24-11-5.5, as amended by P.L.178-2019, SECTION
14 50, as amended by this act.
- 15 (2) IC 9-24-16-3, as amended by P.L.211-2019, SECTION 9,
16 as amended by this act.
- 17 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2022.**
- 18 SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.

