

IC 9-18.1-14

Chapter 14. Off-Road Vehicles and Snowmobiles

IC 9-18.1-14-1

Registration; exceptions

Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided under subsections (b) and (c), an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile must be registered under this chapter to be operated in Indiana.

(b) Registration is not required for the following vehicles:

(1) An off-road vehicle or snowmobile that is exclusively operated in a special event of limited duration that is conducted according to a prearranged schedule under a permit from the governmental unit having jurisdiction.

(2) An off-road vehicle or snowmobile that is registered in another state or country and being operated by a nonresident of Indiana for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days in one (1) calendar year.

(3) An off-road vehicle or snowmobile that is being operated for purposes of testing or demonstration and on which certificate numbers have been placed under section 9 of this chapter.

(4) An off-road vehicle or snowmobile, the operator of which has in the operator's possession a bill of sale from a dealer licensed under IC 9-32 or a private individual that includes the following:

(A) The purchaser's name and address.

(B) A date of purchase, which may not be more than forty-five (45) days before the date on which the operator is required to show the bill of sale.

(C) The make, model, and vehicle number of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile provided by the manufacturer.

(5) An off-road vehicle or snowmobile that is owned or leased and used for official business by:

(A) the state;

(B) a municipal corporation (as defined in IC 36-1-2-10);

(C) a volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
or

(D) the United States government or an agency of the United States government.

(c) The owner of an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile that was properly registered under IC 14-16-1 or IC 9-18-2.5 (before its expiration) is not required to register the off-road vehicle or snowmobile under this chapter until the date on which the previous registration expires.

(d) A person that:

(1) operates an off-road vehicle or snowmobile on a public roadway; or

(2) fails to register an off-road vehicle or snowmobile as required by this section;

commits a Class C infraction.
As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-2

Application; false statement; violation

Sec. 2. (a) A person that desires to register an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile must submit an application, in a form and manner prescribed by the bureau, that contains the following:

- (1) The name of the owner of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile and, if the off-road vehicle or snowmobile is leased, the name of the lessee.
- (2) The person's address in Indiana, including the county and township, on the date of the application, as follows:
 - (A) If the person is an individual, the person's residence address. However, if the person participates in the address confidentiality program under IC 5-26.5, the address may be a substitute address designated by the office of the attorney general under IC 5-26.5.
 - (B) If the person is not an individual, the person's principal office in Indiana.
 - (C) If the person does not have a physical residence or office in Indiana, the county and township in Indiana where the off-road vehicle or snowmobile will be primarily operated.
- (3) A description of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile to be registered, including the identification number and color of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile.
- (4) Any other information required by the bureau.

The bureau may not register an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile that does not have an identification number.

(b) An application made online or through the United States mail is not required to be sworn or notarized.

(c) A person may apply on behalf of another person to register an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile under this chapter. However, the person in whose name the off-road vehicle or snowmobile will be registered must sign and verify the application.

(d) A person that makes a false statement in an application under this section commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-3

Determination of genuineness, regularity, and legality; certificates of registration and decals

Sec. 3. (a) The bureau shall use due diligence in examining and determining the genuineness, regularity, and legality of the information provided by a person as part of a request to register an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile under this chapter.

(b) The bureau may:

- (1) make investigations or require additional information; and

(2) reject an application or request;
if the bureau is not satisfied of the genuineness, regularity, or legality of an application or the truth of a statement contained in an application or request, or for any other reason.

(c) If the bureau determines that a person applying to register an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile is entitled to register the off-road vehicle or snowmobile, the bureau shall register the off-road vehicle or snowmobile and issue to the applicant the following:

- (1) A certificate of registration.
- (2) Two (2) decals.

A person that fails to maintain registration for an off-road vehicle or snowmobile under this section commits a Class C infraction.

(d) Certificates of registration and decals issued under this section:

- (1) remain the property of the bureau; and
- (2) may be revoked, canceled, or repossessed as provided by law.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-4

Fee; term of validity

Sec. 4. (a) The fee to register an off-road vehicle or snowmobile is thirty dollars (\$30). The fee shall be deposited in the off-road vehicle and snowmobile fund established by IC 14-16-1-30.

(b) The registration of an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile under this chapter is valid until the earlier of the following:

- (1) Three (3) years from the date of registration under this chapter.
- (2) The date on which the off-road vehicle or snowmobile is sold or transferred to another person.

(c) If a person sells or otherwise disposes of an off-road vehicle or snowmobile:

- (1) the certificate of registration and decals for the off-road vehicle or snowmobile are canceled; and
- (2) except as provided in IC 9-33-3, the person is not entitled to a refund of any unused part of a fee paid by the person under this section.

(d) A person that acquires an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile that is registered under this chapter must apply to the bureau under this chapter to register the off-road vehicle or snowmobile.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-5

Certificate of registration; decals; display; violation

Sec. 5. (a) The bureau may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the size, character, and content of a certificate of registration or decals issued under this chapter.

(b) A certificate of registration issued under this chapter, or a

legible reproduction of the certificate of registration, must:

- (1) be pocket size;
- (2) accompany the off-road vehicle or snowmobile; and
- (3) be made available for inspection upon demand by a law enforcement officer.

(c) A person that fails to carry or produce an off-road vehicle's or snowmobile's registration under subsection (b) commits a Class C infraction.

(d) Decals issued under section 3(c)(2) of this chapter shall be attached and displayed on the forward half of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile or as prescribed in rules adopted by the bureau. All decals shall be maintained in a legible condition and displayed only for the period for which the registration is valid.

(e) A person that fails to properly display a decal as prescribed under subsection (d) commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-6

Delinquent registration or renewal; administration penalty; violation

Sec. 6. (a) The bureau shall collect an administrative penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15) from the following:

- (1) A person that fails to:
 - (A) register; or
 - (B) provide full payment for the registration of;
an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile within forty-five (45) days after the date on which the person acquires the off-road vehicle or snowmobile.
- (2) A person that fails to:
 - (A) renew; or
 - (B) provide full payment for the renewal of;
the registration of an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile by the date on which the registration expires.
- (3) A person that:
 - (A) owns an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile;
 - (B) becomes an Indiana resident; and
 - (C) fails to:
 - (i) register; or
 - (ii) provide full payment for the registration of;
the off-road vehicle or snowmobile within sixty (60) days after the person becomes an Indiana resident.

(b) A penalty collected under subsection (a) shall be deposited in the commission fund.

(c) A person described in subsection (a) commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-7

Replacement certificate of registration or decal; notice to law enforcement; fee

Sec. 7. (a) If a certificate of registration or decal issued for an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile that is registered under this chapter is lost, stolen, destroyed, or damaged, the owner of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile may apply to the bureau for a replacement certificate of registration or decal. If the certificate of registration or decal is lost or stolen, the owner shall provide notice of the loss or theft to a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over:

- (1) the site of the loss or theft; or
- (2) the address listed on the certificate of registration.

(b) The bureau shall issue a replacement certificate of registration or decal to the owner of an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile after the owner:

- (1) pays a fee of nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50); and
- (2) provides notice as required under subsection (a), if applicable.

(c) The fee imposed under subsection (b) shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) to the state police building account.
- (2) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.
- (3) One dollar (\$1) to the crossroads 2000 fund.
- (4) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to the motor vehicle highway account.
- (5) For a certificate of registration or decal issued before July 1, 2019:
 - (A) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.
 - (B) Five dollars (\$5) to the commission fund.
- (6) For a certificate of registration or decal issued after June 30, 2019, six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) to the commission fund.

(d) A replacement certificate of registration or decal issued under this section must be attached and displayed in the same manner as the original certificate of registration or decal.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.

IC 9-18.1-14-8

Change of ownership; amended certificate of registration; fee

Sec. 8. (a) A person that owns an off-road vehicle or a snowmobile that is registered under this chapter may apply to the bureau to change the ownership of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile:

- (1) by adding at least one (1) other person as a joint owner; or
- (2) if the person is a joint owner of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile, by transferring the person's ownership interest in

the off-road vehicle or snowmobile to at least one (1) remaining joint owner.

(b) The bureau shall issue an amended certificate of registration to a person that applies under subsection (a) after the person does the following:

(1) Complies with IC 9-17.

(2) Pays a fee of nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50).

(c) A person may apply to the bureau to amend any obsolete or incorrect information contained in the certificate of registration issued with respect to the off-road vehicle or snowmobile. The bureau shall issue an amended certificate of registration after the person pays a fee of nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50).

(d) The bureau may not impose or collect a fee for a duplicate, an amended, or a replacement certificate of registration that is issued as a result of an error on the part of the bureau.

(e) A fee described in subsection (b)(2) or (c) shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) to the state police building account.

(2) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.

(3) One dollar (\$1) to the crossroads 2000 fund.

(4) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to the motor vehicle highway account.

(5) For a certificate of registration or decal issued before July 1, 2019:

(A) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.

(B) Five dollars (\$5) to the commission fund.

(6) For a certificate of registration or decal issued after June 30, 2019, six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) to the commission fund.

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IC 9-18.1-14-9

Additional certificates of registration for certain off-road vehicles and snowmobiles; fee

Sec. 9. (a) A manufacturer or person engaged in the commercial sale of off-road vehicles or snowmobiles may apply to the bureau to obtain certificates of registration for use in the testing or demonstrating of off-road vehicles or snowmobiles.

(b) A manufacturer or person engaged in the commercial sale of off-road vehicles or snowmobiles may use a certificate of registration issued under this section only in the testing or demonstrating of off-road vehicles and snowmobiles by temporarily placing the numbers of the certificate of registration on the off-road vehicle or snowmobile being tested or demonstrated. The temporary placement of numbers must conform to the requirements of this chapter or rules

adopted under this chapter.

(c) A certificate of registration issued under this section may be used on only one (1) off-road vehicle or snowmobile at any given time.

(d) The fee for each certificate of registration issued under this section is thirty dollars (\$30). The fee shall be deposited in the off-road vehicle and snowmobile fund established by IC 14-16-1-30. *As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.*

IC 9-18.1-14-10

Identifying vehicle number; violations

Sec. 10. (a) A manufacturer of an off-road vehicle or snowmobile shall stamp an identifying vehicle number into the frame of the off-road vehicle or snowmobile. The vehicle number shall be stamped where the number may be easily seen with a minimum of physical effort. A manufacturer that violates this subsection commits a Class A infraction.

(b) Upon request, a manufacturer shall furnish information as to the location of vehicle numbers on off-road vehicles and snowmobiles the manufacturer produces to a police officer or the bureau. A manufacturer that violates this subsection commits a Class A infraction.

(c) A person may not possess an off-road vehicle or snowmobile with an altered, defaced, or obliterated vehicle number. A person that knowingly or intentionally violates this subsection commits a Class B misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.326.