

## **IC 24-5-18**

### **Chapter 18. Garage Door Opening Systems**

#### **IC 24-5-18-1**

##### **"Automatic garage door opening system"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "automatic garage door opening system" means a system of devices and equipment that is not a commercial garage door operator and that when connected to a garage door automatically opens and closes the garage door.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-2**

##### **"Automatic reversing requirement"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "automatic reversing requirement" refers to the requirements specified in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.2 of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Standards for Safety-UL 325, third edition, as revised May 4, 1988, for an automatic garage door opening system.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-3**

##### **"Garage"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "garage" means a building or a part of a building designed or used for the storage, repair, or keeping of a motor vehicle.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-4**

##### **"Person"**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, or other legal entity.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-5**

##### **"Residential building"**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "residential building" means a structure such as a home or an apartment for one (1) or more families or persons that includes an attached or unattached garage.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-6**

##### **"Supplier"**

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "supplier" means a seller, lessor, assignor, or other person who regularly engages in or solicits consumer transactions.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-7**

**Repair or installation without onsite reversal test forbidden; exceptions**

Sec. 7. (a) A supplier may not:

- (1) repair; or
- (2) install;

an automatic garage door opening system in a residential building unless the system passes the onsite test described in section 8 of this chapter.

(b) This section does not prevent the servicing or repair of an automatic garage door opening system if, after the repair or service:

- (1) the system complies with subsection (a); or
- (2) the supplier complies with section 8 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

**IC 24-5-18-8**

**Onsite reversal test procedure; warning tag; notice**

Sec. 8. (a) A supplier who installs, services, or repairs an automatic garage door opening system in a residential building shall conduct an onsite reversal test of the system. In order to pass the onsite reversal test, the system must reverse the door upon contact with a rigid two inch (2") high obstacle (or a 2 by 4 block of wood) placed on the surface beneath the garage door.

(b) If the automatic garage door opening system does not pass the onsite reversal test required by subsection (a), the supplier conducting the test shall complete and conspicuously attach to the automatic garage door opening system a label or tag that contains the following information (The following language complies with this requirement, but other language may be used that conveys the equivalent information.):

**WARNING**

This garage door opener was tested and does not meet the current requirements for a working safety reverse feature. This can be dangerous and may cause serious injury or death. You are advised to disconnect the opener from the door immediately and operate the door manually until the opener has been repaired or replaced with an opener that meets current safety standards relating to automatic reversal.

Model (if known)	Printed Name and Signature of Tester
_____	_____
_____	_____
Manufacturer (if known)	Employer Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
Serial Number (if known)	Employer Address/ Phone Number
_____	_____
_____	_____
	Date
	_____

(c) The word "WARNING" on the label or tag described in subsection (b) shall be in the foreground and background colors that

comply with the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) that are in effect at the time that the label or tag is affixed.

(d) The employer of the person who attaches a label or tag under subsection (b) shall notify the occupant of the residence within ten (10) working days in writing that the residence's automatic garage door opening system does not comply with this chapter.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.1-1994, SEC.119.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-9**

##### **Local ordinance**

Sec. 9. This chapter does not preclude a political subdivision from adopting, by ordinance, rules for the installation and repair of automatic garage door opening systems that are more restrictive than the standards set forth in this chapter.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 24-5-18-10**

##### **Violations; penalty**

Sec. 10. (a) A supplier who knowingly violates the requirements of this chapter is subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation.

(b) The attorney general may bring an action on behalf of the state to recover the penalty imposed by subsection (a) from the supplier.

*As added by P.L.212-1993, SEC.1.*