

## **IC 9-32-6**

### **Chapter 6. Dealer License Plates**

#### **IC 9-32-6-1**

##### **Applications; registration numbers; certificates of registration; plates**

Sec. 1. A person licensed under IC 9-32-11 may apply for a dealer license plate. The application must include any information the secretary reasonably requires. Upon application, a distinctive registration number shall be assigned to each applicant. Two (2) certificates of registration and two (2) metal license plates bearing the registration number of the applicant shall then be issued to the applicant.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-2**

##### **Classifications of dealer license plates**

Sec. 2. (a) The secretary shall issue dealer license plates under this chapter according to the following classifications:

- (1) Dealer-new.
- (2) Dealer-used.
- (3) Manufacturer.
- (4) Dealer-wholesale.

(b) The secretary may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish additional classifications of dealer license plates, and may prescribe the general conditions for usage of an additional classification. The secretary shall establish the classifications of antique car museum dealer license plates and dealer promotional license plates.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-3**

##### **Research and development license plates; issuance; rules; fees; display**

Sec. 3. (a) The secretary shall:

- (1) issue a research and development license plate under this chapter to a manufacturer of a vehicle subcomponent system; and
- (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to prescribe the general conditions for the:
  - (A) application;
  - (B) issuance; and
  - (C) use;

of research and development license plates for manufacturers of vehicle component systems.

(b) The fee for a research and development license plate for a manufacturer of a vehicle subcomponent system is the fee under IC 9-29-17-2.

(c) A research and development license plate for a manufacturer of a vehicle subcomponent system shall be displayed in accordance with subsection (a)(2).

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-4**

##### **Design of dealer license plates**

Sec. 4. The secretary shall determine the color, dimension, and style of the letters and the information required on a dealer license plate issued under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-5**

##### **Additional dealer license plates**

Sec. 5. Upon payment of the fee under IC 9-29-17-1(b), an applicant may obtain additional dealer license plates of the same category. The applicant must demonstrate the applicant's need for additional plates by stating the applicant's number of employees, annual sales, and other supporting factors. The secretary shall determine whether the applicant is entitled to additional plates.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-6**

##### **Expiration of dealer license plates**

Sec. 6. Dealer license plates issued to licensed dealers under this chapter expire as follows:

- (1) A person whose business name begins with the letters A through B, inclusive, March 1 of each year.
- (2) A person whose business name begins with the letters C through D, inclusive, April 1 of each year.
- (3) A person whose business name begins with the letters E through G, inclusive, May 1 of each year.
- (4) A person whose business name begins with the letters H through I, inclusive, June 1 of each year.
- (5) A person whose business name begins with the letters J through L, inclusive, July 1 of each year.
- (6) A person whose business name begins with the letters M through O, inclusive, August 1 of each year.
- (7) A person whose business name begins with the letters P through R, inclusive, September 1 of each year.
- (8) A person whose business name begins with the letters S through T, inclusive, October 1 of each year.
- (9) A person whose business name begins with the letters U through Z, inclusive, November 1 of each year.

Dealer license plates issued to a sole proprietor expire based upon the name of the sole proprietorship.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-7**

##### **Use restrictions of license plates**

Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in sections 8 and 9 of this chapter, dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and wholesale license plates may be used only on motor vehicles in the:

- (1) dealer's inventory being held for sale;
  - (2) usual operation of the manufacturer's or dealer's business;
  - (3) movement of the manufacturer's or dealer's inventory; or
  - (4) inventory of a manufacturer or dealer that is unattended by the manufacturer or dealer or the dealer's agent for a maximum of ten (10) days by a prospective buyer or a service customer.
- (b) The license plates referenced in subsection (a) must be:
- (1) primarily used or stored at an address within Indiana; or
  - (2) displayed on a vehicle being transported for purposes of sale by a licensed Indiana dealer.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-8**

##### **Unrestricted use of license plates under rules prohibiting tax avoidance**

Sec. 8. Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and wholesale license plates may be used without restriction by a manufacturer, a dealer, or an employee of a manufacturer or a dealer in compliance with rules adopted by the secretary to prohibit use of the plates solely to avoid payment of applicable taxes.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-9**

##### **Unrestricted use of license plates; rules**

Sec. 9. Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and wholesale license plates may be used without restriction by a designee of a dealer or a designee of a manufacturer under rules adopted by the secretary. The rules must provide the following:

- (1) The dealer or manufacturer is to be assessed and pay the motor vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5 attributable to that part of the total year that the designee operates the motor vehicle.
- (2) The dealer or manufacturer shall report to the secretary the date of assignment to a designee, the designee's name and address, and the date of termination of the assignment within ten (10) days after the assignment or termination.
- (3) The tax calculated in subdivision (1) shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the termination of the assignment to the designee or at the time the dealer or manufacturer purchases license plates under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

#### **IC 9-32-6-10**

##### **License plate use prohibited on leased vehicles**

Sec. 10. Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and wholesale license plates may not be used on a vehicle that:

- (1) is required to be registered; and
- (2) has a fee charged by dealers to others for the use of the vehicle.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

### **IC 9-32-6-11**

#### **Interim dealer or manufacturer license plates**

Sec. 11. (a) The secretary may issue an interim license plate to a dealer or manufacturer who is licensed and has been issued a license plate under section 2 of this chapter.

(b) The secretary shall prescribe the form of an interim license plate issued under this section. However, an interim license plate must bear the assigned registration number and provide sufficient space for the expiration date as provided in subsection (c).

(c) Whenever a dealer or manufacturer sells or leases a motor vehicle, the dealer or manufacturer may provide the buyer or lessee with an interim license plate. The dealer shall, in the manner provided by the secretary, affix on the plate in numerals and letters at least three (3) inches high the date on which the interim license plate expires.

(d) An interim license plate authorizes a motor vehicle owner or lessor to operate the vehicle for a maximum period of thirty-one (31) days after the date of sale or lease of the vehicle to the vehicle's owner or lessor or until a regular license plate is issued, whichever occurs first.

(e) A motor vehicle that is required by law to display license plates on the front and rear of the vehicle is required to display only a single interim license plate.

(f) An interim license plate shall be displayed:

- (1) in the same manner required in IC 9-18-2-26; or
- (2) in a location on the left side of a window facing the rear of the motor vehicle that is clearly visible and unobstructed. The plate must be affixed to the window of the motor vehicle.

(g) The dealer must provide an ownership document to the purchaser at the time of issuance of the interim license plate that must be kept in the motor vehicle during the period an interim license plate is used.

(h) All interim license plates not issued by the dealer must be retained in the possession of the dealer at all times.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

### **IC 9-32-6-12**

#### **Interim plates; false or fictitious information**

Sec. 12. A dealer may not knowingly or intentionally issue an altered interim license plate or an interim license plate with false or fictitious information.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

### **IC 9-32-6-13**

#### **Operation of vehicle displaying altered interim license plate**

Sec. 13. A person may not knowingly or intentionally operate a vehicle displaying an altered interim license plate issued under section 11 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

**IC 9-32-6-14**

**Record relating to use of interim license plates by a dealer;  
availability to investigating employee of secretary of state**

Sec. 14. A record directly related to the use of interim license plates by a dealer must be made available to an investigating employee of the secretary upon demand at the place of business of the dealer.

*As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.*

**IC 9-32-6-15**

**Dealer designee license plates to be designed and issued by the  
bureau**

Sec. 15. Dealer designee license plates shall be designed and issued by the bureau under IC 9-18-27-0.5.

*As added by P.L.262-2013, SEC.141.*