

IC 9-18-12

Chapter 12. Antique Motor Vehicle Registration

IC 9-18-12-1

Annual registration; forms; certificates; authentic antique plate display

Sec. 1. (a) An antique motor vehicle must be registered annually.

(b) The bureau may adopt a:

- (1) registration form; and
- (2) certificate of registration;

to implement this chapter.

(c) After December 31, 2007, a person who:

- (1) registers an antique motor vehicle under this chapter; and
- (2) wishes to display on the antique motor vehicle an authentic license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle under section 2.5 of this chapter;

must pay the required fee under IC 9-29-5-32.5.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.79-2006, SEC.4.

IC 9-18-12-2

Antique motor vehicle license plate

Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in section 2.5 of this chapter, the bureau shall issue one (1) license plate to the person who owns an antique motor vehicle that is registered under this chapter.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), a license plate for an antique motor vehicle shall be manufactured according to the bureau's specifications.

(c) A license plate issued under this chapter shall:

(1) contain:

- (A) the registration number assigned to the registration certificate by the bureau; and
- (B) a designation that the vehicle is historic; and

(2) indicate the year for which the antique motor vehicle has been registered.

(d) Instead of issuing a new license plate each time that an antique motor vehicle is registered, the bureau may issue to the person who owns the antique motor vehicle a tag or sticker that indicates the year for which the motor vehicle has been registered.

(e) A license plate issued under this chapter shall be securely attached to the rear of an antique motor vehicle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.79-2006, SEC.5; P.L.262-2013, SEC.71.

IC 9-18-12-2.5

Use of authentic antique license plates

Sec. 2.5. (a) A person who registers an antique motor vehicle under this chapter may:

- (1) furnish; and
- (2) display on the antique motor vehicle;

an Indiana license plate from the model year of the antique motor

vehicle.

(b) A license plate furnished and displayed under this section must be an authentic license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle.

(c) Before a license plate is mounted on an antique motor vehicle under this section, the license plate must be inspected by the bureau to determine whether the license plate:

- (1) complies with this section;
- (2) is in suitable condition to be displayed; and
- (3) bears a unique plate number at the time of the registration of the antique motor vehicle.

The bureau shall authorize the display of a restored or refurbished authentic license plate, but may prohibit the display of an authentic license plate under this section if the authentic license plate is not in conformance with this subsection.

(d) If an Indiana license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle is displayed on a motor vehicle registered as an antique motor vehicle under this chapter, the current certificate of registration of the antique motor vehicle shall be:

- (1) kept at all times in the vehicle; and
- (2) made available for inspection upon the demand of a law enforcement officer.

Notwithstanding IC 9-18-2-21, this subsection is not satisfied by keeping a reproduction of the certificate of registration in the vehicle or making a reproduction of the certificate of registration available for inspection.

(e) The fee to register and display an authentic license plate from the model year of an antique motor vehicle is as provided in IC 9-29-5-32.5.

As added by P.L.79-2006, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.87-2010, SEC.9.

IC 9-18-12-3

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.125-2012, SEC.109.)

IC 9-18-12-4 Version a

Vehicles altered after registration; nonoriginal motor scooter equipment not required

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 4. (a) If a person who registers an antique motor vehicle under this chapter makes substantial alterations or changes to the vehicle after the date of the antique motor vehicle's registration, the registrant shall have the vehicle reinspected by the state police department.

(b) If the antique motor vehicle is not found to be in a mechanical condition that guarantees the vehicle's safe operation upon the highways, the mechanical condition shall be reported to the bureau. The bureau shall do the following:

- (1) Immediately cancel the registration of the antique motor

vehicle.

(2) Notify the person who registered the antique motor vehicle of the cancellation.

(c) A motor scooter registered under this chapter is not required to have equipment that was not original on the motor scooter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-12-4 Version b

Vehicles altered after registration

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(b) If the antique motor vehicle is not found to be in a mechanical condition that guarantees the vehicle's safe operation upon the highways, the mechanical condition shall be reported to the bureau. The bureau shall do the following:

(1) Immediately cancel the registration of the antique motor vehicle.

(2) Notify the person who registered the antique motor vehicle of the cancellation.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.221-2014, SEC.23.

IC 9-18-12-5

Transfers of ownership

Sec. 5. (a) Upon the transfer of ownership of an antique motor vehicle registered under this chapter:

(1) the antique motor vehicle's registration is void; and

(2) the license plates shall be removed from the antique motor vehicle by the person who owns the antique motor vehicle.

(b) A person who is not the original registrant of an antique motor vehicle may not possess the license plates for the antique motor vehicle.

(c) A person who originally owns the license plates for an antique motor vehicle may, for the remainder of the year in which the ownership of the vehicle is transferred, register another antique motor vehicle under the same registration.

(d) This subsection does not apply to an antique motor vehicle acquired by a conveyance subject to IC 9-17-3-9. Upon the transfer and sale of an antique motor vehicle registered under this chapter, the person who acquires ownership of the antique motor vehicle shall, not more than thirty-one (31) days after the date of acquiring ownership or before using the motor vehicle upon the highways, make an application with the bureau for registration of the antique motor vehicle under this chapter.

(e) This subsection applies only to an antique motor vehicle acquired by a conveyance subject to IC 9-17-3-9. Upon the transfer

and sale of an antique motor vehicle registered under this chapter, the person who acquires ownership of the antique motor vehicle shall, not more than sixty (60) days after the date of acquiring ownership or before using the motor vehicle upon the highways, make an application with the bureau for registration of the antique motor vehicle under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.83-2008, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-12-6

Property taxes

Sec. 6. An antique motor vehicle registered under this chapter is not subject to assessment and property taxation under IC 6-1.1, as provided by IC 6-1.1-2-7.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-12-7

Violations

Sec. 7. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.