

IC 9-18-6

Chapter 6. Expiration, Replacement, and Transfer of Registrations and License Plates

IC 9-18-6-1

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.262-2013, SEC.66.)

IC 9-18-6-2 Version a

Lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed license plate; replacement

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

Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if a license plate is:

- (1) lost or stolen;
- (2) damaged as to not be legible; or
- (3) destroyed;

the person in whose name the license plate was issued may obtain from the bureau a duplicate or a replacement license plate by filing with the bureau an application on a form provided by the bureau duly sworn to as provided in IC 9-18-2.

(b) If a license plate is lost or stolen, the bureau may not issue a duplicate or replacement license plate until the person in whose name the plate was issued has first notified:

- (1) the Indiana law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where the loss or theft occurred; or
- (2) the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the address listed on the registration;

that the original license plate has been lost or stolen.

(c) A law enforcement agency to whom a loss or theft is reported shall complete and present to the person reporting the loss or theft a form provided by the bureau indicating that the loss or theft has been reported.

(d) The person must present the form described under subsection (c) to the bureau before a replacement license plate may be obtained.

(e) The bureau shall charge a fee for a replacement license plate as set forth in IC 9-29-5-17.

(f) A replacement license plate must be displayed in the same manner as the original license plate was displayed.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.150-2001, SEC.6; P.L.109-2011, SEC.4; P.L.262-2013, SEC.67.

IC 9-18-6-2 Version b

Lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed license plate; duplicate or replacement

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

Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if a license plate is:

- (1) lost or stolen;

- (2) damaged as to not be legible; or
- (3) destroyed;

the person in whose name the license plate was issued may obtain from the bureau a duplicate or replacement license plate by filing with the bureau an application on a form provided by the bureau duly sworn to as provided in IC 9-18-2.

(b) If a license plate is lost or stolen, the bureau may not issue a duplicate or replacement license plate until the person in whose name the plate was issued has first notified:

- (1) the Indiana law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where the loss or theft occurred; or
- (2) the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the address listed on the registration;

that the original license plate has been lost or stolen.

(c) A law enforcement agency to whom a loss or theft is reported shall complete and present to the person reporting the loss or theft a form provided by the bureau indicating that the loss or theft has been reported.

(d) The person must present the form described under subsection (c) to the bureau before a duplicate or replacement license plate may be obtained.

(e) The bureau shall charge a fee for a duplicate or replacement license plate as set forth in IC 9-29-5-17.

(f) A duplicate or replacement license plate must be displayed in the same manner as the original license plate was displayed.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.150-2001, SEC.6; P.L.109-2011, SEC.4; P.L.262-2013, SEC.67; P.L.216-2014, SEC.36.

IC 9-18-6-2.1

Lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed certificate of registration; duplicate or replacement

Effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 2.1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if a certificate of registration:

- (1) is lost or stolen;
- (2) is damaged as to not be legible;
- (3) is destroyed; or
- (4) requires changes to the information included on the certificate;

the person to whom the certificate is issued may obtain from the bureau a duplicate, an amended, or a replacement certificate by filing with the bureau an application on a form provided by the bureau duly sworn to as provided in IC 9-18-2.

(b) If a certificate of registration is lost or stolen, the bureau may not issue a duplicate or replacement certificate of registration until the person to whom the lost or stolen certificate was issued has first notified:

- (1) the Indiana law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where the loss or theft occurred; or

(2) the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the address listed on the registration;
that the original certificate of registration has been lost or stolen.

(c) A law enforcement agency to which a loss or theft is reported shall complete and present to the person reporting the loss or theft a form provided by the bureau indicating that the loss or theft has been reported.

(d) The person must present the form described under subsection (c) to the bureau before a duplicate or replacement certificate of registration may be obtained.

(e) The bureau shall charge a fee for a duplicate, an amended, or a replacement certificate of registration as set forth in IC 9-29-5-17.1.

(f) A duplicate, an amended, or a replacement certificate of registration must be carried in the manner required by IC 9-18-2-21.
As added by P.L.216-2014, SEC.37.

IC 9-18-6-3

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.109-2011, SEC.40.)

IC 9-18-6-4 Version a

Transfers of ownership

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 the ownership of a vehicle registered under this article is transferred, except a transfer from a manufacturer or dealer:

- (1) the registration of the vehicle expires; and
- (2) the person transferring the vehicle shall remove the license plates and certificate of registration from the vehicle.

(b) A person who transfers to another person the ownership of a registered vehicle owned by the person, upon the filing of an application for the transfer of the registration and the payment of a fee under IC 9-29-5-23, may have another vehicle registered in the person's name either individually or jointly with another for the remainder of the registration year if the vehicle to which the registration is transferred is:

- (1) of the same type; and
- (2) in the same fee class;

as the vehicle for which the registration was originally issued.

(c) If a vehicle to which the registration is transferred is in a higher fee class than the vehicle for which the registration was originally issued, the person applying for the transfer shall pay, in addition to the transfer fee, the difference between the fee paid for the registration of the vehicle to which the registration is transferred.

(d) If a person who owns a vehicle wants to change the ownership of the vehicle by the addition of another person as owner, the person shall be issued a certificate of registration with the name of the other person included after the person who owns the vehicle has complied with IC 9-17.

(e) If at least one (1) person who is a joint owner transfers the

person's ownership interest in a vehicle to at least one (1) remaining joint owner, the certification of registration shall be issued to the remaining joint owner or owners if the transferring owner or owners relinquish any interest in the use of the registration.

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

IC 9-18-6-4 Version b
Transfers of ownership

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

Sec. 4. (a) If the ownership of a vehicle registered under this article is transferred, except a transfer from a manufacturer or dealer:

- (1) the registration of the vehicle expires; and
- (2) the person transferring the vehicle shall remove the license plates and certificate of registration from the vehicle.

(b) A person who transfers to another person the ownership of a registered vehicle owned by the person, upon the filing of an application for the transfer of the registration and the payment of a fee under IC 9-29-5-23, may have another vehicle registered in the person's name either individually or jointly with another for the remainder of the registration year if the vehicle to which the registration and license plate are transferred is:

- (1) of the same type; and
- (2) in the same fee class;

as the vehicle for which the registration and license plate were originally issued.

(c) If a vehicle to which the registration and license plate are transferred is in a different fee class than the vehicle for which the registration and license plate were originally issued, the person applying for the transfer shall pay the transfer fee under IC 9-29-5-23(b). If the vehicle to which the registration and license plate are transferred is in a higher fee class than the vehicle for which the registration and license plate were originally issued, the person shall also pay the difference between the fee paid for the registration of the vehicle to which the registration is transferred.

(d) If a person who owns a vehicle wants to change the ownership of the vehicle by the addition of another person as owner, the person shall be issued a certificate of registration with the name of the other person included after the person who owns the vehicle has complied with IC 9-17.

(e) If at least one (1) person who is a joint owner transfers the person's ownership interest in a vehicle to at least one (1) remaining joint owner, the certification of registration shall be issued to the remaining joint owner or owners if the transferring owner or owners relinquish any interest in the use of the registration.

(f) If a person who owns a vehicle wants to display on the vehicle a license plate that is different from the license plate that was issued upon registration of the vehicle, the person shall:

- (1) apply to the bureau on a form prescribed by the bureau;
- (2) pay the fee under IC 9-29-5-23(c); and

(3) comply with any other requirements, including payment of fees under IC 9-29, associated with the license plate.
As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.216-2014, SEC.38.

IC 9-18-6-5

Transfer of plates

Sec. 5. (a) Upon the disposition by sale or other means of a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, recreational vehicle, or motor home currently registered in Indiana, the license plate from the disposed motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, recreational vehicle, or motor home may be:

- (1) transferred by the person who is the current registrant to any other vehicle of the same type acquired by the person; and
- (2) operated in Indiana for not more than thirty-one (31) days after the date the person acquires ownership of the vehicle.

(b) The person who is the registrant must have in the person's possession a:

- (1) manufacturer's certificate of origin;
- (2) duly assigned certificate of title; or
- (3) bill of sale;

indicating that the person is the owner of the vehicle to which the unexpired license plates are affixed.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.262-2013, SEC.68.

IC 9-18-6-6

Violations

Sec. 6. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

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