

IC 9-18.1-13

Chapter 13. Department of State Revenue Registrations and Permits

IC 9-18.1-13-1

"Commercial vehicle"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle used in commerce to transport property if the motor vehicle:

- (1) has a declared gross vehicle weight of at least sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds; and
- (2) is subject to the commercial motor vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5.5.

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

IC 9-18.1-13-2

Authority of department of state revenue

Sec. 2. (a) The authority granted to the bureau throughout this article extends to the department of state revenue when the department administers transactions under IC 9-17-2, IC 9-17-3, IC 9-18, or IC 9-18.1. The department's authority includes the following:

- (1) Registering vehicles (IC 9-18.1-3 and IC 9-18.1-4).
- (2) Withholding registration of a vehicle when the vehicle was used in the commission of a toll violation (IC 9-18.1-3).
- (3) Determining the size, character, display, mounting, securing, content, issuance, replacement, and life cycle of license plates, temporary license plates, renewal stickers, and other proof of registration issued by the department (IC 9-18.1-4).
- (4) Publishing a schedule of expiration dates (IC 9-18.1-11).
- (5) Transferring registration and license plates (IC 9-18.1-11).
- (6) Issuing a duplicate license plate that is lost, stolen, or destroyed (IC 9-18.1-11).
- (7) Changing ownership information (IC 9-18.1-11).
- (8) Issuing temporary permits (IC 9-18.1-12).
- (9) Issuing certificates of title (IC 9-17-2).

(b) Plates issued by the department of state revenue remain the property of the department (IC 9-18.1-4).

(c) The department of state revenue may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.

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

IC 9-18.1-13-3

Registration; license plates; transfers

Sec. 3. (a) Upon payment of the annual registration fee under IC 9-29-5 and any applicable commercial vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5.5, the department of state revenue may issue a license plate for each commercial vehicle registered to the owner of at least

twenty-five (25) commercial vehicles. The license plate issued under this section for a commercial vehicle is permanently valid.

(b) The application of registration for the commercial vehicles must be on an aggregate basis by electronic means. If the application is approved, the department of state revenue shall issue a certificate of registration that shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

(c) The registration for a commercial vehicle is void when the registered owner:

- (1) sells (and does not replace);
- (2) disposes of; or
- (3) does not renew the registration of;

the commercial vehicle or the commercial vehicle is destroyed.

(d) This section does not relieve the owner of a vehicle from payment of any applicable commercial vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5.5 on a yearly basis.

(e) A registered license plate issued under subsection (a) may be transferred to another vehicle in a fleet of the same weight and plate type, with a new certificate of registration issued under subsection (b), upon application to the department of state revenue. A commercial vehicle excise tax credit may be applied to any plate transfer of the same vehicle type and same weight category.

(f) The following apply to rules adopted by the bureau before January 1, 2014, under IC 9-18-2-4.5(f) (before its expiration):

- (1) The rules are transferred to the department of state revenue and are considered rules of the department of state revenue.
- (2) The rules are treated as if they had been adopted by the department of state revenue.

(g) Upon qualification under this section, a vehicle subject to the commercial vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5.5, including trailers and semi-trailers, must be registered with the department of state revenue and issued a permanent license plate.

(h) A registered owner may continue to register commercial vehicles under this section even after a reduction in the registered owner's fleet to fewer than twenty-five (25) commercial vehicles.

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

IC 9-18.1-13-4

Vehicle registrations subject to International Registration Plan; distinctive cab card; fee

Sec. 4. (a) The department of state revenue shall administer vehicle registrations that are subject to the International Registration Plan according to the terms of the International Registration Plan and rules adopted by the department of state revenue under IC 4-22-2.

(b) A person that registers a vehicle under the International Registration Plan shall file electronically with the department of state revenue an application for the registration of the vehicle.

(c) The department of state revenue may audit records of persons

that register trucks, trailers, semitrailers, buses, and rental cars under the International Registration Plan to verify the accuracy of the application and collect or refund fees due.

(d) The department of state revenue may issue a certificate of registration or a license plate for a vehicle that is:

- (1) subject to registration under apportioned registration of the International Registration Plan; and
- (2) based and titled in a state other than Indiana subject to the conditions of the plan.

(e) A person that owns or leases a vehicle required to be registered under the International Registration Plan shall receive an apportioned plate and cab card as determined by the department of state revenue.

(f) A distinctive cab card:

- (1) shall be issued for a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan; and
- (2) must be carried in the vehicle.

(g) The fee for a cab card issued under subsection (f) is five dollars (\$5). The fee for a duplicate cab card is one dollar (\$1). However, the department of state revenue may waive the fee for a duplicate cab card processed on the Internet web site of the department.

(h) A recovery vehicle may be registered under the International Registration Plan and be issued an apportioned license plate.

(i) The department of state revenue shall issue a document to a person applying for registration under the International Registration Plan to serve as a temporary registration authorization pending issuance of a permanent registration plate and cab card. The document must be carried in the vehicle for which the document is issued.

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

IC 9-18.1-13-5

Trip permit; violation

Sec. 5. (a) A trip permit may be issued for:

- (1) a vehicle that could be operated in Indiana for a period of seventy-two (72) hours instead of full registration; and
- (2) both interstate and intrastate travel.

(b) A trip permit may not be used to evade full registration.

(c) The department of state revenue or agents for the department of state revenue may issue trip permits under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2.

(d) A person that uses a trip permit:

- (1) for a period greater than seventy-two (72) hours; or
- (2) to evade full registration;

commits a Class C infraction.

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

IC 9-18.1-13-6

Hunter's permit; transfer

Sec. 6. (a) When a hunter's permit is applied for under this section, the department of state revenue shall issue a hunter's permit to a common carrier (as defined under IC 8-2.1-17-4) that contracts for common carrier services from an individual who owns and operates a motor vehicle subject to the International Registration Plan.

(b) If a motor vehicle under subsection (a) is registered in the name of the common carrier that contracts for services from the person that is the owner and operator of the motor vehicle, when the person no longer provides services to the common carrier, the common carrier shall transfer a hunter's permit issued to the common carrier under subsection (a) to the person upon the person's request. The common carrier may charge the person receiving the hunter's permit an amount that does not exceed the amount the common carrier paid for the hunter's permit under subsection (a).

(c) A hunter's permit transferred to a person under subsection (b) allows the person to move the motor vehicle under subsection (a) within Indiana for thirty (30) days to search for a new independent contract for services with a common carrier without first registering the motor vehicle.

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

IC 9-18.1-13-7

Delinquent registration; administrative penalty

Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person that fails to:

- (1) apply for the registration of, or transfer a registration to, a vehicle;
- (2) provide full payment for the registration of a vehicle; or
- (3) both:

(A) apply for the registration of, or transfer a registration to, a vehicle; and

(B) provide full payment for the registration of a vehicle;

as required under this chapter is subject to the penalties and interest imposed under IC 6-8.1-10.

(b) A person that fails to:

- (1) apply for the registration of, or transfer a registration to, a vehicle;
- (2) provide full payment for the registration of a vehicle; or
- (3) both:

(A) apply for the registration of, or transfer a registration to, a vehicle; and

(B) provide full payment for the registration of a vehicle;

as required under IC 9-18-2-4.6 or IC 9-18.1-13-3 is subject to the administrative penalty imposed under IC 9-18.1-11-5.

(c) An administrative penalty collected under subsection (b) shall

be deposited in the commission fund.
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