

## **IC 9-18.1-4**

### **Chapter 4. Proof of Registration**

#### **IC 9-18.1-4-1**

##### **Registration; proof of registration**

Sec. 1. (a) If the bureau determines that a person applying for registration is entitled to register the vehicle, the bureau shall:

- (1) register the vehicle described in the application;
- (2) issue the person a certificate of registration; and
- (3) issue proof of registration for display on the vehicle.

(b) The bureau may issue under subsection (a)(3):

- (1) a regular license plate under this article; or
- (2) if the person satisfies the applicable requirements under IC 9-18.5, a distinctive license plate designed and issued under IC 9-18.5.

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

#### **IC 9-18.1-4-2**

##### **Requirement to carry certificate of registration; violation**

Sec. 2. (a) The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 regarding the size, character, and content of a certificate of registration.

(b) A certificate of registration or a legible reproduction of the certificate of registration must be carried:

- (1) in the vehicle to which the registration refers; or
- (2) by the individual operating or in control of the vehicle, who shall display the registration upon the demand of a police officer.

(c) An individual who fails to carry a certificate of registration or a legible reproduction of a certificate of registration as required under subsection (b) commits a Class C infraction.

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

#### **IC 9-18.1-4-3**

##### **Display of proof of registration; rules**

Sec. 3. The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 regarding 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.

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

#### **IC 9-18.1-4-4**

##### **Display of license plates; violation**

Sec. 4. (a) License plates, including temporary license plates, shall be displayed as follows:

- (1) For a tractor, a dump truck, or a truck with a rear-mounted forklift or a mechanism to carry a rear-mounted forklift or implement, upon the front of the vehicle.
- (2) For every other vehicle, upon the rear of the vehicle.

(b) A license plate shall be:

(1) securely fastened, in a horizontal position, to the vehicle for which the plate is issued:

(A) to prevent the license plate from swinging;

(B) at a height of at least twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the license plate; and

(C) in a place and position that are clearly visible;

(2) maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible; and

(3) not obstructed or obscured by tires, bumpers, accessories, or other opaque objects.

(c) An interim license plate issued or used by a dealer licensed under IC 9-32 or used by a manufacturer must be displayed:

(1) in the manner required under subsection (a) for the type of vehicle on which the interim license plate is displayed; or

(2) in a location on the left side of a window that is:

(A) facing the rear of the motor vehicle; and

(B) clearly visible and unobstructed.

A plate displayed under subdivision (2) must be affixed to the window of the motor vehicle.

(d) A person that violates this section commits a Class C infraction.

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

#### **IC 9-18.1-4-5**

##### **Operation of vehicle on highway without proper proof of registration; violation**

Sec. 5. (a) A vehicle required to be registered under this article may not be used or operated on a highway if the vehicle displays any of the following:

(1) A license plate belonging to any other vehicle.

(2) A fictitious registration number.

(3) A sign or placard bearing the words "license applied for" or "in transit" or other similar signs.

(b) A person that operates a vehicle in violation of subsection (a) commits a Class C infraction.

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

#### **IC 9-18.1-4-6**

##### **Transfer of ownership of vehicle; expiration of registration**

Sec. 6. If the ownership of a vehicle registered under this article is transferred, except a transfer from a manufacturer or a dealer licensed under IC 9-32:

(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.

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

**IC 9-18.1-4-7**

**Proof of registration remains property of bureau**

Sec. 7. A license plate or other proof of registration issued by the bureau under this article or IC 9-18.5:

- (1) remains the property of the bureau; and
- (2) may be revoked, canceled, or repossessed as provided by law.

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

**IC 9-18.1-4-8**

**Sale of false certificate of registration; violation**

Sec. 8. A person that knowingly sells, offers to sell, buys, possesses, or offers as genuine a certificate of registration for a vehicle that is required to be issued by the bureau and has not been issued by the:

- (1) bureau under this article; or
  - (2) appropriate governmental authority of another state;
- commits a Class C misdemeanor.

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