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SENATE BILL No. 506

DIGEST OF SB 506 (Updated February 3, 2015 10:41 am - DI 103)

Citations Affected: IC 9-13; IC 9-18.

Synopsis: Fleet vehicle registration. Establishes the fleet registration program (program) for Indiana residents who own or lease at least 1,000 passenger motor vehicles or trucks with a declared gross weight of not more than 11,000 pounds. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles shall administer the program.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security & Transportation.
February 3, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~*this style type*~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-66.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 66.3. "Fleet operator" has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-12.5-1.**

SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-66.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 66.5. "Fleet vehicle" has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-12.5-2.**

SECTION 3. IC 9-13-2-118, AS AMENDED BY P.L.259-2013, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 118. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c), **and (d),** "operator", when used in reference to a vehicle, means a person, other than a chauffeur or a public passenger chauffeur, who:

(1) drives or operates a vehicle upon a highway; or

(2) is exercising control over or steering a motor vehicle being towed by another vehicle.

(b) "Operator", for purposes of IC 9-25, means a person other than a chauffeur who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

(c) "Operator", for purposes of IC 9-18-2.5, means an individual who:

(1) operates; or

(2) is in actual physical control of;

an off-road vehicle or snowmobile.

(d) "Operator", for purposes of IC 9-18-12.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-12.5-3.

SECTION 4. IC 9-18-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

Chapter 12.5. Fleet Vehicle Registration

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fleet operator" means an operator who participates in the program.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fleet vehicle" means a passenger motor vehicle or a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds that is:

(1) owned or leased by a fleet operator; and

(2) registered in the program under this chapter.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "operator" means an Indiana resident who owns or leases one thousand (1,000) or more fleet vehicles.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the fleet registration program established under section 6 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. This chapter does not apply to a vehicle that is registered under:

(1) a reciprocal agreement between the state of Indiana and another governmental entity;

(2) the International Registration Program; or

(3) IC 9-18-2 with the department of state revenue.

Sec. 6. (a) The fleet registration program is established to accommodate requests from fleet operators for common registration dates for all fleet vehicles.

(b) The bureau shall administer the program.

(c) The bureau may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer the program.

Sec. 7. (a) An operator may apply to the bureau to participate in the program.

(b) An application must be in the form and manner prescribed by the bureau and must contain the following information:

(1) The name and business address of the operator.

(2) The preferred expiration month requested by the operator.

(3) Certificates of title and registration for all fleet vehicles in the exact name of the operator.

(4) All counties in which the fleet vehicles are registered.

(5) Any other information required by the bureau.

The bureau may designate an expiration month that differs from the preferred expiration month requested by the operator under subdivision (2).

(c) The bureau shall approve an application if the bureau is satisfied that the application is complete and accurate. Upon approval of the application, the bureau shall assign the fleet operator a fleet number.

(d) If an application does not contain a preferred expiration month, the bureau may:

(1) deny the application; or

(2) designate an expiration month and approve the application.

(e) An operator may not register a vehicle as a fleet vehicle in a county that is not designated in the application.

Sec. 8. (a) The bureau shall terminate the participation in the program of a fleet operator with fewer than one thousand (1,000) fleet vehicles.

(b) A fleet operator whose participation is terminated under subsection (a) may reapply for participation in the program in the manner determined by the bureau.

Sec. 9. A certificate of registration as a fleet vehicle under this chapter is valid for the twelve (12) month period designated on the certificate.

Sec. 10. The fee to register a vehicle as a fleet vehicle under this chapter is the applicable fee for the vehicle under IC 9-29-5.

Sec. 11. The bureau shall design a fleet vehicle license plate. The design must include distinctive colors and graphics and the fleet number assigned under section 7(c) of this chapter. The design may not include years, months, or other indications of calendar dates. The design may indicate that the fleet license plate does not expire.

Sec. 12. A fleet vehicle is subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations for vehicles of the same type or class.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 506, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 16, after "a" insert "**passenger**".

Page 2, line 17, delete "trailer" and insert "**a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds**".

Page 2, line 21, delete "ten (10)" and insert "**one thousand (1,000)**".

Page 2, line 21, delete "motor vehicles or" and insert "**fleet vehicles.**".

Page 2, delete line 22.

Page 2, line 28, delete "or".

Page 2, line 29, delete "." and insert "**; or**

(3) IC 9-18-2 with the department of state revenue.".

Page 3, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new line blocked left and insert:

"**The bureau may designate an expiration month that differs from the preferred expiration month requested by the operator under subdivision (2).**".

Page 3, line 16, delete "department" and insert "**bureau**".

Page 3, line 17, delete "ten (10)" and insert "**one thousand (1,000)**".

Page 3, line 21, delete "department." and insert "**bureau.**".

Page 3, line 27, delete "fleet license plate that" and insert "**fleet vehicle license plate.**".

Page 3, line 28, delete "designates a vehicle as a fleet vehicle.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 506 as introduced.)

YODER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.