

# HOUSE BILL No. 1269

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18.1-4-4.

**Synopsis:** License plate display violations. Imposes an additional civil penalty of not more than \$500 on a person that improperly displays a license plate on a vehicle. Distributes the civil penalty as follows: (1) If the violation occurs in a county in which a toll road or qualifying project that is served by an automated traffic law enforcement system is located, or in a contiguous county, to the Indiana finance authority or the operator for reduction of debt associated with the toll road or qualifying project. (2) For all other violations, to the department of transportation for deposit in the motor vehicle highway account.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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 2016 Regular 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:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18.1-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
2 SECTION 326, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. (a) License plates, including  
4 temporary license plates, shall be displayed as follows:  
5 (1) For a tractor, a dump truck, or a truck with a rear-mounted  
6 forklift or a mechanism to carry a rear-mounted forklift or  
7 implement, upon the front of the vehicle.  
8 (2) For every other vehicle, upon the rear of the vehicle.  
9 (b) A license plate shall be:  
10 (1) securely fastened, in a horizontal position, to the vehicle for  
11 which the plate is issued:  
12 (A) to prevent the license plate from swinging;  
13 (B) at a height of at least twelve (12) inches from the ground,  
14 measuring from the bottom of the license plate; and  
15 (C) in a place and position that are clearly visible;  
16 (2) maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to  
17 be clearly legible; and



- 1 (3) not obstructed or obscured by tires, bumpers, accessories, or  
 2 other opaque objects.
- 3 (c) An interim license plate issued or used by a dealer licensed  
 4 under IC 9-32 or used by a manufacturer must be displayed:
- 5 (1) in the manner required under subsection (a) for the type of  
 6 vehicle on which the interim license plate is displayed; or  
 7 (2) in a location on the left side of a window that is:
- 8 (A) facing the rear of the motor vehicle; and  
 9 (B) clearly visible and unobstructed.
- 10 A plate displayed under subdivision (2) must be affixed to the window  
 11 of the motor vehicle.
- 12 (d) A person that violates this section commits a Class C infraction.
- 13 (e) **In addition to a penalty imposed under subsection (d), a**  
 14 **person that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of not**  
 15 **more than five hundred dollars (\$500). A civil penalty assessed**  
 16 **under this subsection shall be distributed as follows:**
- 17 (1) **For a violation that occurs in:**
- 18 (A) **a county in which a toll road, tollway, or qualifying**  
 19 **project that is served by an automated traffic law**  
 20 **enforcement system is located; or**
- 21 (B) **a county that is contiguous to a county described in**  
 22 **clause (A);**
- 23 **to the operator or authority for reduction of debt associated**  
 24 **with the toll road, tollway, or qualifying project that is served**  
 25 **by the automated traffic law enforcement system.**
- 26 (2) **For a violation that occurs in a county not described in**  
 27 **subdivision (1), to the department of transportation for**  
 28 **deposit in the motor vehicle highway account.**

