

HOUSE BILL No. 1339

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-24; IC 10-17-1-4.

Synopsis: Collection of veteran status information. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau), not later than December 31 of each year, to report to the department of veterans' affairs information maintained in the bureau's data base regarding: (1) an individual's status as a veteran or as the surviving spouse of a veteran; and (2) whether the individual has an indication of the status as a surviving spouse of a veteran on the driver's license, permit, or identification card of the individual. Requires the veterans' affairs commission to provide a list to state and local agencies that interact with the public the following information: (1) Services available to veterans. (2) The names, telephone numbers, websites, and addresses of state agencies that offer services to veterans. (3) The names, telephone numbers, websites, and addresses of other public and private entities that offer services to veterans.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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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 9-24-9-2.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.82-2019,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2.3. (a) An application for a driver's license or
4 permit under this chapter must contain the following questions:
5 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States?".
6 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the
7 armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National
8 Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?".
9 (b) In addition to the questions set forth in subsection (a), an
10 application for a driver's license or permit to be issued under this article
11 must enable the applicant to indicate the following:
12 (1) The applicant is a veteran and wishes to have an indication of
13 the applicant's veteran status appear on the driver's license or
14 permit.
15 (2) The applicant is the surviving spouse of a veteran of the armed
16 forces of the United States and wishes to have an indication of the
17 applicant's status as a surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the



- 1 license or permit.
- 2 (3) The applicant has a medical condition of note and wishes to
- 3 have an identifying symbol and a brief description of the medical
- 4 condition appear on the driver's license or permit.
- 5 (c) The bureau shall:
- 6 (1) keep in a data base; and ~~share the information submitted under~~
- 7 ~~subsections (a) and (b)(2) upon request by the Indiana department~~
- 8 ~~of veterans' affairs.~~
- 9 **(2) submit, not later than December 31 of each year, a report**
- 10 **to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs of;**
- 11 **the information described under subsections (a) and (b)(2).**
- 12 (d) The information submitted under subsections (a) and (b)(2) may
- 13 be used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop
- 14 outreach programs for veterans and their families.
- 15 ~~(d)~~ (e) The application for a driver's license or permit under this
- 16 chapter must indicate that an applicant has the option whether or not to
- 17 answer the questions set forth in subsection (a).
- 18 SECTION 2. IC 9-24-16-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2021,
- 19 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 20 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2. (a) An application for an identification card to
- 21 be issued under this chapter must contain the following questions:
- 22 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States?".
- 23 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the
- 24 armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National
- 25 Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?".
- 26 (b) In addition to the questions set forth in subsection (a), an
- 27 application for an identification card issued under this chapter must
- 28 require the following information concerning an applicant:
- 29 (1) The full legal name of the applicant.
- 30 (2) The applicant's date of birth.
- 31 (3) The gender of the applicant.
- 32 (4) The applicant's height, weight, hair color, and eye color.
- 33 (5) The principal address and mailing address of the applicant.
- 34 (6) A:
- 35 (A) valid Social Security number; or
- 36 (B) verification of an applicant's:
- 37 (i) ineligibility to be issued a Social Security number; and
- 38 (ii) identity and lawful status.
- 39 (7) A digital photograph of the applicant.
- 40 (8) The signature of the applicant showing the applicant's legal
- 41 name as it will appear on the identification card.
- 42 (9) If the applicant is also applying for a motor driven cycle



- 1 endorsement, verification that the applicant has satisfactorily
 2 completed the test required under section 3.6 of this chapter.
- 3 (c) The bureau may invalidate an identification card that the bureau
 4 believes to have been issued as a result of fraudulent documentation.
- 5 (d) The bureau:
- 6 (1) shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish a procedure to
 7 verify an applicant's identity and lawful status; and
 8 (2) may adopt rules to establish a procedure to temporarily
 9 invalidate an identification card that it believes to have been
 10 issued based on fraudulent documentation.
- 11 (e) For purposes of subsection (b), an individual certified as a
 12 program participant in the address confidentiality program under
 13 IC 5-26.5 is not required to provide the individual's principal address
 14 and mailing address, but may provide an address designated by the
 15 office of the attorney general under IC 5-26.5 as the individual's
 16 principal address and mailing address.
- 17 (f) In addition to the information required under subsection (b), an
 18 application for an identification card to be issued under this chapter
 19 must enable the applicant to indicate that the applicant is a veteran and
 20 wishes to have an indication of the applicant's veteran status appear on
 21 the identification card. An applicant who wishes to have an indication
 22 of the applicant's veteran status appear on the identification card must:
- 23 (1) indicate on the application that the applicant:
- 24 (A) is a veteran; and
 25 (B) wishes to have an indication of the applicant's veteran
 26 status appear on the identification card; and
 27 (2) provide proof at the time of application of the applicant's
 28 veteran status.
- 29 (g) In addition to the information required under subsection (b), an
 30 application for an identification card to be issued under this chapter
 31 must enable the applicant to indicate that the applicant is a surviving
 32 spouse of a veteran and wishes to have an indication of the applicant's
 33 status as a surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the identification
 34 card. An applicant who wishes to have an indication of the applicant's
 35 status as a surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the identification
 36 card must:
- 37 (1) indicate on the application that the applicant:
- 38 (A) is the surviving spouse of a veteran of the armed forces of
 39 the United States; and
 40 (B) wishes to have an indication of the applicant's status as a
 41 surviving spouse of a veteran appear on the identification card;
 42 and



- 1 (2) provide the documentation necessary to verify that the
 2 applicant was married, at the time of the decedent's death, to a
 3 veteran.
- 4 (h) The bureau shall:
- 5 (1) keep in a data base; and ~~share the information submitted under~~
 6 ~~subsections (a) and (g) at least annually with the Indiana~~
 7 ~~department of veterans' affairs.~~
- 8 **(2) submit, not later than December 31 of each year, a report**
 9 **to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs of;**
 10 **the information described under subsections (a) and (g).**
- 11 (i) The information submitted under subsections (a) and (g) may be
 12 used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop outreach
 13 programs for veterans and their families.
- 14 (†) (j) The application for an identification card to be issued under
 15 this chapter must indicate that an applicant has the option whether or
 16 not to answer the questions set forth in subsection (a).
- 17 SECTION 3. IC 10-17-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. The commission shall do acts necessary or
 20 reasonably incident to the fulfillment of the purposes of this chapter,
 21 including the following:
- 22 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.
- 23 (2) Advise the veterans' state service officer in problems
 24 concerning the welfare of veterans.
- 25 (3) Determine general administrative policies within the
 26 department.
- 27 (4) Establish standards for certification of state, county, and city
 28 service officers.
- 29 (5) Establish and administer a written examination for renewal of
 30 the certification of county and city service officers.
- 31 **(6) Provide to state and local agencies that interact with the**
 32 **public the following information:**
- 33 **(A) Services available to veterans.**
- 34 **(B) The names, telephone numbers, websites, and**
 35 **addresses of state agencies that offer services to veterans.**
- 36 **(C) The names, telephone numbers, websites, and**
 37 **addresses of additional public and private entities that**
 38 **offer services to veterans.**
- 39 (†) (7) Submit, not later than December 31 of each year, an
 40 annual report to the legislative council in an electronic format
 41 under IC 5-14-6 and to the governor concerning the welfare of
 42 veterans.

