

SENATE BILL No. 73

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-105; IC 9-32-11.

Synopsis: Sale of utility trailers. Amends the definition of "motor vehicle" for purposes of dealer services provisions governing unfair practices and the succession to franchise by designated family members. Specifies that the requirement that a dealer have an established place of business does not apply to a dealer selling trailers. Provides that a dealer selling trailers does not have to file certain information with the secretary of state.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

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 2024 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 9-13-2-105, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2020,
2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 105. (a) "Motor vehicle" means, except as
4 otherwise provided in this section, a vehicle that is self-propelled. The
5 term does not include a farm tractor, an implement of agriculture
6 designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises,
7 an electric bicycle, an electric foot scooter, or an electric personal
8 assistive mobility device.

9 (b) "Motor vehicle", for purposes of IC 9-21, means:
10 (1) a vehicle that is self-propelled; or
11 (2) a vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from
12 overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

13 The term does not include an electric foot scooter.

14 (c) "Motor vehicle", for purposes of ~~IC 9-32~~, **IC 9-32-1 through**
15 **IC 9-32-11, IC 9-32-14, and IC 9-32-16 through IC 9-32-18**,
16 includes a semitrailer, a trailer, an off-road vehicle, a snowmobile, a
17 mini-truck, a manufactured home, or a recreational vehicle. The term



1 does not include an electric foot scooter.

2 **(d) "Motor vehicle", for purposes of IC 9-32-13 and IC 9-32-15,**
 3 **includes a semitrailer, an off-road vehicle, a snowmobile, a**
 4 **mini-truck, a manufactured home, or a recreational vehicle. The**
 5 **term does not include an electric foot scooter or a trailer.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 9-32-11-2.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2020,
 7 SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2.1. **(a) This section does not apply to dealers**
 9 **selling trailers.**

10 **(b)** A dealer must have an established place of business that meets
 11 the minimum standards prescribed by the secretary under rules adopted
 12 under IC 4-22-2. A location that performs only ministerial tasks is not
 13 sufficient.

14 SECTION 3. IC 9-32-11-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2020,
 15 SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to dealers
 17 selling new manufactured homes **or trailers.**

18 **(b)** A dealer proposing to sell new motor vehicles or watercraft shall
 19 file and maintain with the secretary:

20 (1) a current copy of each franchise to which the dealer is a party;

21 or

22 (2) if the dealer is a party to multiple franchises that are identical
 23 except for stated items, a copy of the franchise form with
 24 supplemental schedules of variations from the form.

