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HOUSE BILL No. 1153

DIGEST OF HB 1153 (Updated January 27, 2026 11:46 am - DI 137)

Citations Affected: IC 9-32.

Synopsis: Auto dealer matters. Requires a dealer to collect and retain certain identifying information from a potential purchaser. Beginning July 1, 2026, requires a transport operator to either: (1) have an established place of business with a physical Indiana address; or (2) provide the secretary of state (secretary) with proof of the transport operator's valid registration from the United States Department of Transportation authorizing the transport operator to operate within Indiana; to apply for a registration number. Provides that a dealership that operates without a license from the secretary commits a Class A infraction.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
January 27, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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~~.

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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 9-32-3-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 14. A dealer must obtain and retain one (1) of the**
4 **following from a potential purchaser:**

5 (1) **From an individual, a photocopy or electronic scan of the**
6 **individual's driver's license or identification card.**

7 (2) **From a business, one (1) of the following:**

8 (A) **The business's federal employer identification number.**

9 (B) **A photocopy or electronic scan of a driver's license,**
10 **identification card, or other government issued**
11 **photographic identification card of an owner, officer, or**
12 **other individual authorized to act on behalf of the business,**
13 **together with the name of the business.**

14 SECTION 2. IC 9-32-7.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2021,
15 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2. (a) This section does not apply to a vehicle**
17 **registered as a recovery vehicle under IC 9-18.1-6.**

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(b) A transport operator may, instead of registering each motor vehicle transported or disposable trailer used, make a verified application upon a form prescribed by the secretary and furnished by the secretary for a general distinctive registration number for:

- (1) all motor vehicles transported by the transport operator and used and operated for the purposes provided; or
- (2) all disposable trailers used and operated for the purpose of transporting sectionalized buildings.

(c) The application must contain the following:

(1) A brief description of:

(A) each style or type of motor vehicle transported or the type of disposable trailer used to transport the sectionalized building, whichever is applicable; and

(B) the manner in which the transport operator intends to use the plates.

(2) The name and address of the transport operator.

(3) For an application to use a disposable trailer, a statement that the disposable trailer will be disassembled after a single use.

(4) Any other information the secretary requires.

(d) The secretary may not issue transport operator license plates to a transport operator that has been convicted of violating this article until the secretary is satisfied that the transport operator is able to comply with the requirements of this section.

(e) Beginning July 1, 2026, a transport operator must either:

(1) have an established place of business with a physical Indiana address; or

(2) if the transport operator does not have an established place of business in Indiana, provide the secretary with proof of the transport operator's valid registration from the United States Department of Transportation authorizing the transport operator to transport within Indiana;

to make a verified application under this section.

SECTION 3. IC 9-32-16-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 17. (a) A dealership must be licensed by the secretary of state under this article to operate in Indiana.**

(b) A dealership that violates this subsection commits a Class A infraction.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1153, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 27.

Page 3, delete lines 34 through 42, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) From a business, one (1) of the following:

(A) The business's federal employer identification number.

(B) A photocopy or electronic scan of a driver's license, identification card, or other government issued photographic identification card of an owner, officer, or other individual authorized to act on behalf of the business, together with the name of the business."

Delete pages 4 through 7.

Page 8, delete lines 1 through 22.

Page 9, delete lines 8 through 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(e) Beginning July 1, 2026, a transport operator must either:

(1) have an established place of business with a physical Indiana address; or

(2) if the transport operator does not have an established place of business in Indiana, provide the secretary with proof of the transport operator's valid registration from the United States Department of Transportation authorizing the transport operator to transport within Indiana;

to make a verified application under this section."

Page 9, delete lines 17 through 42.

Page 10, delete lines 1 through 12.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1153 as introduced.)

PRESSEL

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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