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## HOUSE BILL No. 1200

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 9-18.5-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2022,  
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may apply to the bureau for a  
4 personalized license plate to display on the person's vehicle.  
5 (b) The following license plates may be designed as a personalized  
6 license plate under this chapter:  
7 (1) IC 9-18.5-4 (prisoner of war license plates).  
8 (2) IC 9-18.5-5 (disabled Hoosier veteran license plates).  
9 (3) IC 9-18.5-6 (Purple Heart license plates).  
10 (4) IC 9-18.5-7 (National Guard license plates).  
11 (5) IC 9-18.5-8 (license plates for persons with disabilities).  
12 (6) IC 9-18.5-9 (amateur radio operator license plates).  
13 (7) IC 9-18.5-10 (civic event license plates).  
14 (8) IC 9-18.5-11 (In God We Trust license plates).  
15 (9) IC 9-18.5-12 (special group recognition license plates).

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- 1 (10) IC 9-18.5-13 (environmental license plates).
- 2 (11) IC 9-18.5-14 (kids first trust license plates).
- 3 (12) IC 9-18.5-15 (education license plates).
- 4 (13) IC 9-18.5-16 (Indiana FFA trust license plates).
- 5 (14) IC 9-18.5-17 (Indiana firefighter license plates).
- 6 (15) IC 9-18.5-18 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates).
- 7 (16) IC 9-18.5-19 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates).
- 8 (17) IC 9-18.5-20 (Indiana arts trust license plates).
- 9 (18) IC 9-18.5-21 (Indiana health trust license plates).
- 10 (19) IC 9-18.5-22 (Indiana Native American trust license plates).
- 11 **(20) IC 9-18.5-23 (Safety First license plates).**
- 12 ~~(20)~~ **(21)** IC 9-18.5-24 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates).
- 13 ~~(21)~~ **(22)** IC 9-18.5-25 (Indiana state educational institution trust
- 14 license plates).
- 15 ~~(22)~~ **(23)** IC 9-18.5-26 (Lewis and Clark expedition license
- 16 plates).
- 17 ~~(23)~~ **(24)** IC 9-18.5-27 (Riley Children's Foundation license
- 18 plates).
- 19 ~~(24)~~ **(25)** IC 9-18.5-28 (National Football League franchised
- 20 professional football team license plates).
- 21 ~~(25)~~ **(26)** IC 9-18.5-29 (Hoosier veteran license plates).
- 22 ~~(26)~~ **(27)** IC 9-18.5-30 (support our troops license plates).
- 23 ~~(27)~~ **(28)** IC 9-18.5-31 (Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home
- 24 license plates).
- 25 ~~(28)~~ **(29)** IC 9-18.5-33 (Indiana Gold Star family member license
- 26 plates).
- 27 **(30) IC 9-18.5-34 (Historic vehicles).**
- 28 ~~(29)~~ **(31)** IC 9-18.5-35 (Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- 29 license plates).
- 30 **(32) IC 9-18.5-36 (Semiquincentennial license plates).**
- 31 ~~(30)~~ **(33)** A license plate issued under IC 9-18 (before its
- 32 expiration) or IC 9-18.1.
- 33 SECTION 2. IC 9-18.5-3-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
- 34 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) License plates shall be issued
- 36 to the following:
- 37 (1) Members of the general assembly.
- 38 (2) Spouses of members of the general assembly.
- 39 (3) Other state officials who receive special license plates on an
- 40 annual basis.
- 41 (b) A license plate issued under this chapter may also be issued to



a company or business owned by a person described in subsection (a).

**(c) A license plate issued under this chapter may be designed in an alternate color scheme version.**

**(d) A license plate issued under this chapter that is designed in an alternate color scheme version is subject to the fee described in IC 9-18.5-2-8(3).**

SECTION 3. IC 9-22-3-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2012, SECTION 138, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 18. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),** a vehicle that has been designated "JUNK", "DISMANTLED", "SCRAP", "DESTROYED", or any similar designation in another state or jurisdiction shall not be titled in Indiana.

**(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a vehicle that was issued a title in Indiana after it was designated "JUNK" in another state or jurisdiction.**

SECTION 4. IC 9-24-3-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2025, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, an individual must satisfy the requirements set forth in one (1) of the following subdivisions to receive a driver's license:

(1) The individual meets the following conditions:

(A) Is at least sixteen (16) years ~~and ninety (90) days~~ of age.

(B) Has held a valid learner's permit for at least one hundred eighty (180) days.

(C) Obtains an instructor's certification that the individual has satisfactorily completed an approved driver education course.

(D) Passes the required examinations.

(E) Completes at least fifty (50) hours of supervised driving practice, of which at least ten (10) hours are nighttime driving, as provided in subsection (b).

(2) The individual meets the following conditions:

(A) Is at least sixteen (16) years and two hundred seventy (270) days of age.

(B) Has held a valid learner's permit for at least one hundred eighty (180) days.

(C) Passes the required examinations.

(D) Completes at least fifty (50) hours of supervised driving practice, of which at least ten (10) hours are nighttime driving, as provided in subsection (b).

(3) The individual meets the following conditions:

(A) Is at least sixteen (16) years and one hundred eighty



- 1 (180) days of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age.  
 2 (B) Has previously been a nonresident of Indiana, but, at the  
 3 time of application, qualifies as an Indiana resident.  
 4 (C) Has held for at least sixty (60) days a valid driver's  
 5 license, excluding a learner's permit or the equivalent, in the  
 6 state or a combination of states in which the individual  
 7 formerly resided.  
 8 (D) Passes the required examinations.  
 9 (4) The individual meets the following conditions:  
 10 (A) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.  
 11 (B) Has previously been a nonresident but, at the time of  
 12 application, qualifies as an Indiana resident.  
 13 (C) Held a valid driver's license, excluding a learner's  
 14 permit or the equivalent, from the state or country of prior  
 15 residence.  
 16 (D) Passes the required examinations.  
 17 (5) The individual meets the following conditions:  
 18 (A) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.  
 19 (B) Is a person with a disability.  
 20 (C) Holds an Indiana learner's permit.  
 21 (D) Has successfully completed driver rehabilitation  
 22 training by a certified driver rehabilitation specialist  
 23 recognized by the bureau.  
 24 (E) Passes the required examinations.  
 25 (6) The individual meets the following conditions:  
 26 (A) Is at least sixteen (16) years ~~and ninety (90) days~~ of age.  
 27 (B) Is a person with a disability.  
 28 (C) Has held a valid learner's permit for at least one  
 29 hundred eighty (180) days.  
 30 (D) Has successfully completed driver rehabilitation  
 31 training by a certified driver rehabilitation specialist  
 32 recognized by the bureau.  
 33 (E) Passes the required examinations.  
 34 (F) Completes at least fifty (50) hours of supervised driving  
 35 practice, of which at least ten (10) hours are nighttime  
 36 driving, as provided in subsection (b).  
 37 (b) An applicant who is required to complete at least fifty (50)  
 38 hours of supervised practice driving under subsection (a)(1)(E),  
 39 (a)(2)(D), or (a)(6)(F) must do the following:  
 40 (1) If the applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age,  
 41 complete the practice driving with:

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- 1 (A) a licensed driver, with valid driving privileges, who is:  
 2 (i) at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and  
 3 (ii) related to the applicant by blood, marriage, or legal  
 4 status;  
 5 (B) the spouse of the applicant who is:  
 6 (i) a licensed driver with valid driving privileges; and  
 7 (ii) at least twenty-one (21) years of age; or  
 8 (C) an individual with valid driving privileges who:  
 9 (i) is licensed as a driver education instructor under  
 10 IC 9-27-6-8 and is working under the direction of a  
 11 driver training school described in IC 9-27-6-3(a)(2);  
 12 or  
 13 (ii) is a certified driver rehabilitation specialist  
 14 recognized by the bureau who is employed through a  
 15 driver rehabilitation program.  
 16 (2) If the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age,  
 17 complete the driving practice with:  
 18 (A) a licensed driver, with valid driving privileges, who is  
 19 at least twenty-five (25) years of age; or  
 20 (B) the spouse of the applicant who is:  
 21 (i) a licensed driver with valid driving privileges; and  
 22 (ii) at least twenty-one (21) years of age.  
 23 (3) If the applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is  
 24 under the care and supervision of the department of child  
 25 services, complete the driving practice with:  
 26 (A) a licensed driver with valid driving privileges who is:  
 27 (i) at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and  
 28 (ii) related to the applicant by blood, marriage, or legal  
 29 status;  
 30 (B) a licensed driver with valid driving privileges who is:  
 31 (i) at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and  
 32 (ii) approved by the department of child services; or  
 33 (C) an individual with valid driving privileges who is:  
 34 (i) licensed as a driver education instructor under  
 35 IC 9-27-6-8 and is working under the direction of a  
 36 driver training school described in IC 9-27-6-3(a)(2);  
 37 or  
 38 (ii) a certified driver rehabilitation specialist  
 39 recognized by the bureau who is employed through a  
 40 driver rehabilitation program.  
 41 (4) Submit to the commission under IC 9-24-9-2(c) evidence of

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the time logged in practice driving.

SECTION 5. IC 9-24-6.1-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 2.7. An individual must be able to demonstrate proficiency of the English language sufficient to:**

- (1) converse with the general public;**
- (2) understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language;**
- (3) respond to official inquiries; and**
- (4) make entries on reports in records; to operate a commercial motor vehicle.**

SECTION 6. IC 9-24-8.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2023, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The bureau shall add a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license if the holder meets the following conditions:

(1) Is at least:

- (A) sixteen (16) years ~~and ninety (90) days~~ of age and has completed a motorcycle operator safety education course approved by the bureau under IC 9-27-7; or
- (B) sixteen (16) years and two hundred seventy (270) days of age.

(2) Makes a proper application in the form and manner prescribed by the bureau.

(3) Has passed a written examination developed by the bureau concerning the safe operation of a motorcycle.

(4) Satisfactorily completes an operational skills test at a location approved by the bureau.

(5) Pays a fee of nineteen dollars (\$19). The fee shall be distributed as follows:

- (A) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.
- (B) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the motor vehicle highway account.
- (C) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.
- (D) Sixteen dollars (\$16) to the commission fund.

(b) The bureau may waive the testing requirements under subsection (a)(3) and (a)(4) for an individual who satisfactorily completes a motorcycle operator safety course approved by the bureau as set forth in IC 9-27-7.



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(c) The bureau may waive the operational skills test under subsection (a)(4) for an individual who holds a valid motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle license from any other jurisdiction.

(d) An individual who fails the operational skills test under subsection (a)(4) three (3) consecutive times is not eligible to retake the test until two (2) months after the date of the most recent failed test.

(e) The fee for a motorcycle operational skills test administered under this chapter is as follows:

(1) For tests given by state employees, the fee is five dollars (\$5) and shall be deposited in the motor vehicle highway account under IC 8-14-1.

(2) For tests given by a contractor approved by the bureau, the fee is:

(A) determined under rules adopted by the bureau under IC 4-22-2 to cover the direct costs of administering the test; and

(B) paid to the contractor.

(f) The bureau may impose an additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) if the bureau processes an application for a physical credential under this chapter in a period of time that is shorter than the normal processing period. The bureau shall deposit the fee in the commission fund.

(g) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any other fee imposed under this chapter.

SECTION 7. IC 9-24-9-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2025, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), each application for a driver's license or permit under this chapter must require the following information:

(1) The full legal name of the applicant.

(2) The applicant's date of birth.

(3) The gender of the applicant.

(4) The applicant's height, weight, hair color, and eye color.

(5) The address of the applicant.

(6) A:

(A) valid Social Security number; or

(B) verification of an applicant's:

(i) ineligibility to be issued a Social Security number;

(ii) identity; and

(iii) lawful status.

(7) Whether the applicant has been subject to fainting spells or





seizures.

(8) Whether the applicant has been issued a driver's license or has been the holder of a permit, and if so, when and by what jurisdiction.

~~(9) Whether the applicant's driver's license or permit has ever been suspended or revoked, and if so, the date of and the reason for the suspension or revocation.~~

~~(10) Whether the applicant has been convicted of:~~

~~(A) a crime punishable as a felony under Indiana motor vehicle law; or~~

~~(B) any other felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle was used;~~

~~that has not been expunged by a court.~~

~~(11) (9) Whether the applicant has a physical or mental disability, and if so, the nature of the disability.~~

~~(12) (10) The signature of the applicant showing the applicant's legal name as it appears or will appear on the driver's license or permit.~~

~~(13) (11) A digital photograph of the applicant.~~

~~(14) (12) Any other information the bureau requires.~~

(b) For purposes of subsection (a), an individual certified as a program participant in the address confidentiality program under IC 5-26.5 is not required to provide the individual's address, but may provide an address designated by the office of the attorney general under IC 5-26.5 as the individual's address.

(c) In addition to the information required by subsection (a), an applicant who is required to complete at least fifty (50) hours of supervised practice driving under IC 9-24-3-2.5(a)(1)(E), IC 9-24-3-2.5(a)(2)(D), or IC 9-24-3-2.5(a)(6)(F) must submit to the bureau evidence of the time logged in practice driving.

SECTION 8. IC 9-24-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.256-2017, SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. **(a)** An individual who applies under this chapter for a permit or driver's license and who is required by this chapter to take an examination **of the applicant's skill in the operation of a motor vehicle under section 4(a)(2) of this chapter** shall:

(1) appear before a member of the bureau or commission; or

(2) appear before an instructor having an endorsement under IC 9-27-6-8;

and be examined concerning the applicant's qualifications and ability



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to operate a motor vehicle upon a highway.

**(b) An individual who applies under this chapter for a permit or driver's license and who is required to take an examination of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs under section 4(a)(1)(B) of this chapter and the applicant's knowledge of Indiana traffic laws under section 4(a)(1)(C) of this chapter shall:**

- (1) appear before a member of the bureau or commission;**
- (2) appear before an instructor having an endorsement under IC 9-27-6-8; or**
- (3) satisfactorily complete an online examination approved by the bureau;**

**and be examined concerning the applicant's qualifications and ability to operate a motor vehicle upon a highway.**

SECTION 9. IC 9-24-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2024, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the application for renewal of:

- (1) a driver's license;
- (2) a chauffeur's license (before the expiration of IC 9-24-4 on July 1, 2024);
- (3) a public passenger chauffeur's license (before the expiration of IC 9-24-5 on July 1, 2022);
- (4) an identification card; or
- (5) a photo exempt identification card;

under this article may be filed not more than twenty-four (24) months before the expiration date of the license, identification card, or photo exempt identification card held by the applicant.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), an application for the renewal of a learner's permit issued under this article may be filed not more than thirty (30) days before the expiration of the learner's permit.

(c) When the applicant complies with IC 9-24-9-2.5, an application for renewal of a driver's license in subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) may be filed not more than ~~one (1) month~~ **thirty (30) days** before the expiration date of the license held by the applicant.

(d) When the applicant complies with IC 9-24-16-3.5, an application for renewal of an identification card under subsection (a)(4) may be filed not more than ~~one (1) month~~ **thirty (30) days** before the expiration date of the identification card held by the applicant.

SECTION 10. IC 9-24-12-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2023, SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), and



subject to subsection (d), an individual applying for renewal of a driver's license in the form of a physical credential (issued under IC 9-24-3), or a chauffeur's or a public passenger chauffeur's license, including any endorsements in effect with respect to the license, must apply in person at a license branch and do the following:

(1) Pass an eyesight examination.

(2) Pass a written examination if:

(A) the applicant has at least six (6) active points on the applicant's driving record maintained by the bureau;

(B) the applicant has not reached the applicant's twenty-first birthday and has active points on the applicant's driving record maintained by the bureau; or

(C) the applicant is in possession of a driver's license that is expired beyond one hundred eighty (180) days.

(b) The holder of a driver's license in the form of a physical credential (issued under IC 9-24-3), a chauffeur's or a public passenger chauffeur's license, or a learner's permit issued in the form of a physical credential under IC 9-24-7 may renew the license, including any endorsements in effect with respect to the license, by mail or by electronic service, subject to the following conditions:

(1) A valid computerized image of the individual must exist within the records of the bureau.

(2) The previous renewal of the individual's driver's license (issued under IC 9-24-3), chauffeur's or public passenger chauffeur's license, or a learner's permit issued under IC 9-24-7 must not have been by mail or by electronic service.

(3) The application for or previous renewal of the individual's license or permit must have included a test of the individual's eyesight approved by the bureau.

(4) If the individual were applying for the license or permit renewal in person at a license branch, the individual would not be required under subsection (a)(2) to submit to a written examination.

(5) The individual must be a citizen of the United States, as shown in the records of the bureau.

(6) There must not have been any change in the:

(A) address; or

(B) name;

of the individual since the issuance or previous renewal of the individual's driver's license (issued under IC 9-24-3), chauffeur's or public passenger chauffeur's license, or a learner's permit

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1 issued under IC 9-24-7.

2 (7) The driver's license (issued under IC 9-24-3), chauffeur's or  
3 public passenger chauffeur's license, or a learner's permit issued  
4 under IC 9-24-7 of the individual must not be:

5 (A) suspended; or

6 (B) expired more than one hundred eighty (180) days;  
7 at the time of the application for renewal.

8 (8) If the individual is seventy-five (75) years of age or older at  
9 the time of the application for renewal, the individual must  
10 provide proof, on a form approved by the bureau, that the  
11 individual has passed an eyesight examination within ~~thirty (30)~~  
12 **sixty (60)** days prior to the renewal application.

13 (c) An individual applying for the renewal of a driver's license  
14 issued in the form of a physical credential (issued under IC 9-24-3), a  
15 chauffeur's license or a public passenger chauffeur's license, or a  
16 learner's permit issued in the form of a physical credential under  
17 IC 9-24-7, including any endorsements in effect with respect to the  
18 license, must apply in person at a license branch under subsection (a)  
19 if the individual is not entitled to apply by mail or by electronic service  
20 under subsection (b).

21 (d) The bureau may not issue or renew a chauffeur's or a public  
22 passenger chauffeur's license after December 31, 2016. If a holder of  
23 a chauffeur's or a public passenger chauffeur's license applies after  
24 December 31, 2016, for renewal of the chauffeur's or public passenger  
25 chauffeur's license, the bureau shall issue to the holder a driver's  
26 license under IC 9-24-3 with a for-hire endorsement if the holder:

27 (1) applies in a form and manner prescribed by the bureau; and

28 (2) satisfies the requirements for renewal of a driver's license  
29 issued under IC 9-24-3, including the fee and examination  
30 requirements under this section.

31 (e) An individual applying for the renewal of a driver's license  
32 issued in the form of a physical credential under IC 9-24-3 shall pay the  
33 following applicable fee:

34 (1) If the individual is less than seventy-five (75) years of age,  
35 seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50). The fee shall be  
36 distributed as follows:

37 (A) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology  
38 fund.

39 (B) Two dollars (\$2) to the crossroads 2000 fund.

40 (C) Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) to the motor vehicle  
41 highway account.

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1 (D) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the  
2 integrated public safety communications fund.

3 (E) Nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$9.25) to the  
4 commission fund.

5 (2) If the individual is at least seventy-five (75) years of age and  
6 less than eighty-five (85) years of age, eleven dollars (\$11). The  
7 fee shall be distributed as follows:

8 (A) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology  
9 fund.

10 (B) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to the crossroads 2000  
11 fund.

12 (C) Three dollars (\$3) to the motor vehicle highway  
13 account.

14 (D) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the  
15 integrated public safety communications fund.

16 (E) Four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) to the  
17 commission fund.

18 (3) If the individual is at least eighty-five (85) years of age,  
19 seven dollars (\$7). The fee shall be distributed as follows:

20 (A) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology  
21 fund.

22 (B) One dollar (\$1) to the crossroads 2000 fund.

23 (C) Two dollars (\$2) to the motor vehicle highway account.

24 (D) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the  
25 integrated public safety communications fund.

26 (E) Two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) to the  
27 commission fund.

28 A fee paid under this subsection after December 31, 2016, includes the  
29 renewal of any endorsements that are in effect with respect to the  
30 driver's license issued in the form of a physical credential under  
31 IC 9-24-3 at the time of renewal.

32 SECTION 11. IC 9-24-12-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2024,  
33 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) When the Indiana driver's license of  
35 an individual who is temporarily residing outside Indiana because of  
36 service in the armed forces of the United States has expired, the driver's  
37 license remains valid for ninety (90) days following the individual's  
38 ~~discharge from service in the armed forces or postdeployment in the~~  
39 ~~armed forces.~~ **date the individual is no longer temporarily residing**  
40 **outside Indiana because of the individual's service.** To obtain a  
41 renewed driver's license, the individual must do the following:

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(1) Apply for a renewal of the driver's license during the ninety (90) day period following the ~~individual's discharge or postdeployment in the armed forces~~. **date the individual is no longer temporarily residing outside Indiana because of the individual's service.**

(2) Show proof of ~~discharge from temporary residence outside of Indiana because of~~ service in the armed forces ~~or status as postdeployment in the armed forces~~ to the bureau when applying for the renewal.

An individual who held a commercial driver's license that expired during the individual's service in the armed forces may renew the commercial driver's license as if the commercial driver's license had not expired but had remained valid during the period of service in the armed forces of the United States.

(b) When the Indiana driver's license of an individual who is temporarily residing outside Indiana because of the service of a spouse, parent, or guardian in the armed forces of the United States has expired, the driver's license remains valid for ninety (90) days following the ~~discharge from service in the armed forces or end of deployment in the armed forces of~~ **date the individual's spouse, parent, or guardian is no longer temporarily residing outside Indiana because of the individual's service.** To obtain a renewed driver's license, the individual must do the following:

(1) Apply for a renewal of the driver's license during the ninety (90) day period following the ~~discharge from or end of deployment in the armed forces of~~ **date the individual's spouse, parent, or guardian is no longer temporarily residing outside Indiana.**

(2) Show to the bureau proof of ~~discharge or end of deployment in the armed forces of~~ **that the individual's spouse, parent, or guardian is no longer temporarily residing outside Indiana** when applying for the renewal.

SECTION 12. IC 9-24-16-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2024, SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4.5. (a) An individual may apply for a replacement identification card issued in the form of a physical credential under section 9 of this chapter, apply for a replacement identification card issued in the form of a physical credential under section 6 of this chapter, or convert a driver's license or learner's permit into an identification card under IC 9-24-14-3.5 by electronic service. An individual's renewal, amendment, or replacement of, or conversion



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to, an identification card issued in the form of a physical credential by electronic service is subject to the following conditions:

(1) A valid computerized image or digital photograph of the individual must exist within the records of the bureau.

(2) The individual must be a citizen of the United States, as shown in the records of the bureau.

(3) There must not have been any change in the:

(A) legal address; or

(B) name;

of the individual since the issuance or previous renewal of the identification card issued in the form of a physical credential of the individual.

~~(4) The identification card issued in the form of a physical credential of the individual must not be expired more than one hundred eighty (180) days at the time of the application for renewal.~~

(b) An individual applying for:

(1) the renewal of an identification card; or

(2) a replacement identification card;

must apply in person if the individual is not entitled to apply by mail or by electronic service under subsection (a).

SECTION 13. IC 9-24-16-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2025, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) An application for renewal of an identification card issued in the form of a physical credential may be made not more than twenty-four (24) months before the expiration date of the card issued in the form of a physical credential. However, when the applicant complies with section 3.5 of this chapter, an application for renewal of an identification card issued in the form of a physical credential may be filed not more than ~~one (1) month~~ **thirty (30) days** before the expiration date of the identification card issued in the form of a physical credential held by the applicant.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), a renewed card issued in the form of a physical credential is valid on the birth date of the holder and remains valid for six (6) years.

(c) Renewal may not be granted if the cardholder was issued a driver's license issued in the form of a physical credential subsequent to the last issuance of an identification card issued in the form of a physical credential.

(d) A renewed identification card issued under this article in the form of a physical credential to an applicant who complies with section

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1 3.5 of this chapter expires:

2 (1) at midnight one (1) year after issuance, if there is no  
3 expiration date on the authorization granted to the individual to  
4 remain in the United States; or

5 (2) if there is an expiration date on the authorization granted to  
6 the individual to remain in the United States, the earlier of the  
7 following:

8 (A) At midnight of the date the authorization of the holder  
9 to have lawful status as a permanent resident or conditional  
10 resident alien of the United States expires.

11 (B) At midnight of the birthday of the holder that occurs six  
12 (6) years after the date of issuance.

13 (e) An identification card expires upon the bureau receiving notice  
14 of the death of the holder or upon issuance of a subsequent physical  
15 credential.

16 SECTION 14. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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