



SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Engrossed House Bill 1358 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 1-1-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The following definitions apply to the
6 construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is plainly
7 repugnant to the intent of the general assembly or of the context of the
8 statute:
9 (1) "Adult", "of full age", and "person in his majority" mean a
10 person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
11 (2) "Attorney" includes a counselor or other person authorized to
12 appear and represent a party in an action or special proceeding.
13 (3) "Autism" means a neurological condition as described in the
14 most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
15 Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.
16 (4) "Bond" does not necessarily imply a seal.
17 (5) "Clerk" means the clerk of the court or a person authorized to
18 perform the clerk's duties.
19 (6) "Health record", "hospital record", or "medical record" means
20 written or printed information possessed by a provider (as defined
21 in IC 16-18-2-295) concerning any diagnosis, treatment, or
22 prognosis of the patient, unless otherwise defined. Except as
23 otherwise provided, the terms include mental health records and
24 drug and alcohol abuse records.
25 (7) "Highway" includes county bridges and state and county
26 roads, unless otherwise expressly provided.
27 (8) "Infant" or "minor" means a person less than eighteen (18)

- 1 years of age.
- 2 (9) "Inhabitant" may be construed to mean a resident in any place.
- 3 (10) "Judgment" means all final orders, decrees, and
- 4 determinations in an action and all orders upon which executions
- 5 may issue.
- 6 (11) "Land", "real estate", and "real property" include lands,
- 7 tenements, and hereditaments.
- 8 (12) "Mentally incompetent" means of unsound mind.
- 9 (13) "Money demands on contract", when used in reference to an
- 10 action, means an action arising out of contract when the relief
- 11 demanded is a recovery of money.
- 12 (14) "Month" means a calendar month, unless otherwise
- 13 expressed.
- 14 (15) "Noncode statute" means a statute that is not codified as part
- 15 of the Indiana Code.
- 16 (16) "Oath" includes "affirmation", and "to swear" includes to
- 17 "affirm".
- 18 (17) "Person" extends to bodies politic and corporate.
- 19 (18) "Personal property" includes goods, chattels, evidences of
- 20 debt, and things in action.
- 21 (19) "Population" has the meaning set forth in IC 1-1-3.5-3.
- 22 (20) "Preceding" and "following", referring to sections in statutes,
- 23 mean the sections next preceding or next following that in which
- 24 the words occur, unless some other section is designated.
- 25 (21) "Property" includes personal and real property.
- 26 **(22) "Sex" refers to the two (2) sexes, female and male, in the**
- 27 **human species with the organization of anatomy, hormones,**
- 28 **and gametes oriented toward fertilization without regard to**
- 29 **the individual's psychological, behavioral, social, chosen, or**
- 30 **subjective experience of gender.**
- 31 ~~(22)~~ **(23)** "Sheriff" means the sheriff of the county or another
- 32 person authorized to perform sheriff's duties.
- 33 ~~(23)~~ **(24)** "State", applied to any one (1) of the United States,
- 34 includes the District of Columbia and the commonwealths,
- 35 possessions, states in free association with the United States, and
- 36 the territories. "United States" includes the District of Columbia
- 37 and the commonwealths, possessions, states in free association
- 38 with the United States, and the territories.
- 39 ~~(24)~~ **(25)** "Under legal disabilities" includes persons less than
- 40 eighteen (18) years of age, mentally incompetent, or out of the
- 41 United States.
- 42 ~~(25)~~ **(26)** "Verified", when applied to pleadings, means supported
- 43 by oath or affirmation in writing.
- 44 ~~(26)~~ **(27)** "Will" includes a testament and codicil.
- 45 ~~(27)~~ **(28)** "Without relief" in any judgment, contract, execution,
- 46 or other instrument of writing or record, means without the

1 benefit of valuation laws.
 2 ~~(28)~~ **(29)** "Written" and "in writing" include printing,
 3 lithographing, or other mode of representing words and letters. If
 4 the written signature of a person is required, the terms mean the
 5 proper handwriting of the person or the person's mark.
 6 ~~(29)~~ **(30)** "Year" means a calendar year, unless otherwise
 7 expressed.
 8 ~~(30)~~ **(31)** The definitions in IC 35-31.5 apply to all statutes
 9 relating to penal offenses.
 10 (b) This subsection applies to the definitions of "Hoosier veteran"
 11 and "veteran" when used in reference to state programs for veterans.
 12 The term "veteran" includes "Hoosier veteran", and applies to the
 13 construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is expressly
 14 excluded by the terms of the statute, is plainly repugnant to the intent
 15 of the general assembly or of the context of the statute, or is
 16 inconsistent with federal law. "Hoosier veteran" means an individual
 17 who meets the following criteria:
 18 (1) The individual is a resident of Indiana.
 19 (2) The individual served in an active or reserve component of the
 20 armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard.
 21 (3) The individual completed any required military occupational
 22 specialty training and was not discharged or separated from the
 23 armed forces or the Indiana National Guard under conditions
 24 other than conditions set forth in IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).
 25 The definitions set forth in this subsection may not be construed to
 26 affect a Hoosier veteran's eligibility for any state program that is based
 27 upon a particular aspect of the Hoosier veteran's service such as a
 28 disability or a wartime service requirement."
 29 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to EHB 1358 as printed February 13, 2026.)

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