

HOUSE BILL No. 1371

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-24-20.

Synopsis: Background colors for licenses and permits. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to apply a unique background color to a driver's license, a learner's permit, or an identification card issued after December 31, 2026, to an individual who: (1) is an alien with lawful status; or (2) is not registered to vote at the time of issuance.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.

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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 9-24-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 20. Unique Background Colors for Certain Licenses,
5 Permits, and Identification Cards**

6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to:**

7 (1) a driver's license;
8 (2) a learner's permit; and
9 (3) an identification card;

10 issued by the bureau after December 31, 2026.

11 Sec. 2. (a) The bureau shall designate and apply a unique
12 background color to a driver's license, a learner's permit, or an
13 identification card issued to an individual who:

14 (1) is an alien with lawful status, as defined in
15 IC 9-13-2-92.3(2); or
16 (2) is not registered to vote at the time of issuance.
17 (b) All other aspects of a driver's license, a learner's permit, or



1 **an identification card with a unique background color under**
2 **subsection (a) must be the same as a driver's license, a learner's**
3 **permit, or an identification card typically issued by the bureau.**

4 **Sec. 3. Not later than thirty (30) days after the bureau receives**
5 **a completed online voter registration under IC 3-7-26.7 from an**
6 **individual who was previously issued a driver's license, a learner's**
7 **permit, or an identification card with a unique background color**
8 **under section 2 of this chapter, the bureau must notify the**
9 **individual that the individual is eligible for a new driver's license,**
10 **learner's permit, or identification card.**

