

# HOUSE BILL No. 1371

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## 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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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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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 9-24-20 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.

