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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-35.7-5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2025,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a)** This chapter applies to a contract between
4 a state agency and a contractor that is entered into, renewed, or
5 amended after June 30, 2025.

6 **(b) This chapter does not apply to a contract entered into by**
7 **the Indiana department of transportation for the construction,**
8 **repair, or maintenance of a highway, street, road, or bridge.**

9 SECTION 2. IC 5-35.7-7-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2025,
10 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

12 (1) A contract solely entered into for licensed legal counsel.
13 (2) A purchase subject to the small purchase policies established
14 by a state agency under IC 5-22-8.
15 (3) A contract for services provided by a bank holding company

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1 or its subsidiaries or for investments, investment services, or
2 financial services entered into by the treasurer of state under
3 IC 4-8.1, IC 5-13, or IC 10-12.

4 (4) A contract entered into with a program established under
5 IC 11-10-7-2.

6 **(5) A contract entered into by the Indiana department of**
7 **transportation for the construction, repair, or maintenance**
8 **of a highway, street, road, or bridge.**

9 SECTION 3. IC 8-23-2-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
10 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
11 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.1. (a) The department may assume the
12 responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation
13 with respect to the United States Department of Transportation's
14 duties under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
15 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other federal environmental laws. The
16 department may:

17 (1) assume responsibility under 23 U.S.C. 326 and 23 U.S.C.
18 327; and

19 (2) enter into one (1) or more agreements, including
20 memoranda of understanding, with the United States
21 Department of Transportation related to:

22 (A) designating categorical exclusions from federally
23 required environmental assessments or impact
24 statements for highway projects, as provided in 23
25 U.S.C. 326; and

26 (B) the federal surface transportation project delivery
27 program for the delivery of transportation projects,
28 including highway, railroad, public transportation, and
29 multimodal projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 327.

30 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the department
31 waives its immunity from civil liability, including immunity from
32 suit in federal court, and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal
33 courts over its civil liability with regard to the compliance,
34 discharge, or enforcement of the responsibilities assumed by the
35 department under subsection (a).

36 (c) Subsection (b) applies only to those actions that are
37 authorized under subsection (a) and does not create liability for the
38 department that exceeds the liability created under 23 U.S.C. 326
39 and 23 U.S.C. 327.

40 (d) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
41 implement this section. The department may adopt the relevant
42 federal environmental standards as the standards for a program



1 **described in subsection (a)(2).**

2 SECTION 4. IC 8-23-2-12.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.7. (a) **As used in this section,**
 5 **"construction engineering inspection services"** means services
 6 performed during the construction of a project to ensure the
 7 project is built in accordance with the plans and specifications for
 8 the project. The term does not include the design or engineering of
 9 a project.

10 (b) **As used in this section, "contractor"** means a person who
 11 provides construction engineering inspection services for a project
 12 under a contract with the department.

13 (c) **As used in this section, "third party"** means a person who
 14 is not an employee of a contractor.

15 (d) **A contractor is not civilly or criminally liable for a claim**
 16 **made by a third party concerning:**

- 17 (1) **death or bodily injury;**
- 18 (2) **property damage;**
- 19 (3) **design defects; or**
- 20 (4) **any other loss, damage, or expense;**

21 **arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurs within a worksite**
 22 **(as defined in IC 9-13-2-200) of a project for which the contractor**
 23 **provided construction engineering inspection services.**

24 SECTION 5. IC 8-23-30-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 25 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The local road and bridge matching
 27 grant fund is established to provide matching grants to local units for
 28 eligible projects.

29 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

30 (c) The fund consists of the following:

- 31 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- 32 (2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (d).
- 33 (3) Money deposited in or transferred to the fund from any other
 34 source.

35 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not
 36 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 37 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
 38 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

39 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 40 revert to the state general fund.

41 (f) Not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall report to the
 42 state comptroller the amount of matching grants awarded by the



1 department from the fund in the state fiscal year beginning July 1,
2 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, that the department will not distribute
3 before July 1, 2025.

4 (g) The state comptroller shall determine the balance of the money
5 in the fund on June 15, 2025, and on June 15 of each year thereafter.
6 After determining the balance of money in the fund under this
7 subsection, the money in the fund must be allocated in accordance with
8 subsection (h), transferred in accordance with subsections (i) and (j),
9 and distributed in accordance with subsection (k).

10 (h) After determining the balance of the money in the fund under
11 subsection (g), the money in the fund must first be allocated as follows:

12 (1) On June 30, 2025, the department must allocate the total of
13 the amount determined under subsection (f) plus one hundred
14 million dollars (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make
15 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
16 and ending June 30, 2026, to all local units. The department may
17 not award more than ~~one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)~~
18 **one hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000)** of
19 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
20 and ending June 30, 2026. **The department may not award a**
21 **local unit more than one (1) matching grant in the state fiscal**
22 **year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**

23 (2) On June 30, 2026, and June 30 of each year thereafter, the
24 department must allocate the first one hundred million dollars
25 (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make matching grants in
26 the next state fiscal year to all local units.

27 (i) After the department allocates the money in the fund under
28 subsection (h), the state comptroller shall make the following five (5)
29 transfers:

30 (1) On June 30, 2026, a transfer of:

31 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state
32 tax credits certified for 2025 by the department of state
33 revenue under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and
34 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
35 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A)
36 for deposit in the state highway road construction and
37 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
38 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
39 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

40 (2) On June 30, 2027, a transfer of:

41 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state



1 tax credits certified for 2026 by the department of state
2 revenue under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and
3 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
4 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A)
5 for deposit in the state highway road construction and
6 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
7 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
8 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

9 (3) On June 30, 2028, a transfer of:
10 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state
11 tax credits certified for 2027 by the department of state
12 revenue under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and
13 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
14 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A)
15 for deposit in the state highway road construction and
16 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the
17 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade
18 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

19 (4) On June 30, 2029, a transfer of twenty million dollars
20 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
21 road construction and improvement fund established under
22 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
23 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

24 (5) On June 30, 2030, a transfer of twenty million dollars
25 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
26 road construction and improvement fund established under
27 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
28 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

29 (j) Beginning on June 30, 2027, and on June 30 of each year
30 thereafter, after the department allocates the money under subsection
31 (h) and the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection (i),
32 when applicable, the state comptroller shall transfer fifty million
33 dollars (\$50,000,000) of money in the fund to the consolidated city in
34 Marion County for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation
35 of the consolidated city's local streets (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1(9)).
36 The consolidated city in Marion County shall not use these revenues
37 for:
38 (1) reducing the capacity of existing roads and streets;
39 (2) greenways;
40 (3) bike lanes;
41 (4) bike trails; and



1 (5) sidewalks.

2 One hundred percent (100%) of the money distributed to the
3 consolidated city under this subsection shall be matched with an
4 appropriation by the consolidated city. The appropriation required
5 under this subsection must be new revenue and may not include
6 revenue allocated to public safety purposes under IC 6-3.6-6.

12 (1) To be eligible to receive a distribution under this subsection,
13 a local unit must have:

14 (A) adopted a wheel tax; and
15 (B) provided the local technical assistance program at
16 Purdue University with an updated transportation asset
17 management plan within the last twelve (12) months.

18 (2) The distribution to a local unit eligible to receive a
19 distribution under subdivision (1) must be proportional to the
20 local unit's share of the total lane mileage for all local units
21 eligible to receive a distribution under subdivision (1). The
22 department shall provide to the state comptroller the total lane
23 mileage for purposes of making the distribution under this
24 subsection.

25 A local unit may use a distribution made under this subsection only for
26 eligible projects.

33 (1) The department may distribute funds to a local unit that has
34 been approved for a grant under this chapter without budget
35 committee review.

36 (2) To transfer money in the fund under subsections (i) and (j)
37 and to make a distribution under subsection (k) without budget
38 committee review.

39 SECTION 6. IC 8-23-30-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2025,
40 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. In each state fiscal year beginning after

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1 June 30, 2027, 2026, a local unit that receives a distribution under
 2 section 2(k) of this chapter may not apply for a grant under section 2(h)
 3 of this chapter in an amount that is greater than the maximum grant
 4 amount set under section 8 of this chapter minus the amount the local
 5 unit received from a distribution under section 2(k) of this chapter.

6 SECTION 7. IC 9-20-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 7 SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
 9 subsections (b) and (c), a person may not operate or cause to be
 10 operated upon a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles having
 11 weight in excess of one (1) or more of the following limitations:

12 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of any vehicle or
 13 combination of vehicles may not exceed an overall gross weight
 14 on a group of two (2) or more consecutive axles produced by
 15 application of the following formula:

$$W = 500 \{ [(LN) \div (N-1)] + 12N + 36 \}$$

16 where W equals the overall gross weight on any group of two (2)
 17 or more consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred (500)
 18 pounds, L equals the distance in feet between the extreme of any
 19 group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N equals the
 20 number of axles in the group under consideration, except that
 21 two (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load
 22 of thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the
 23 overall distance between the first and last axles of the
 24 consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more.
 25 The overall gross weight limit, calculated under this subdivision,
 26 may not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.

27 (2) The weight concentrated on the roadway surface from any
 28 tandem axle group may not exceed the following:

29 (A) Thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds total weight.

30 (B) Twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on an individual axle
 31 in a tandem group.

32 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen
 33 or with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch
 34 width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim or an axle
 35 weight in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds.

36 (b) The enforcement of weight limits under this section is subject
 37 to the following:

38 (1) It is lawful to operate within the scope of a permit, under
 39 weight limitations established by the Indiana department of
 40 transportation and in effect on July 1, 1956, as provided in



1 IC 9-20-6.

2 (2) It is lawful to operate or cause to be operated a vehicle or
3 combination of vehicles on a heavy duty highway or an extra
4 heavy duty highway designated by the Indiana department of
5 transportation if operated within the imposed limitations.

6 (3) Subsection (a) does not apply to any highway, road, street, or
7 bridge for which a lesser weight limit is imposed by local
8 authorities under IC 9-20-1-3 or IC 9-20-7-2. However, the local
9 authority may by appropriate action establish and designate a
10 county or city highway, road, or street or part of a highway, road,
11 or street as a heavy duty highway subject to the weight
12 limitations established under IC 9-20-5.

13 (4) Vehicles operated on toll road facilities are subject to rules
14 of weight adopted for toll road facilities by the Indiana
15 department of transportation under IC 8-15-2 and are not subject
16 to subsection (a) when operated on a toll road facility.

17 (5) For purposes of a heavy duty vehicle that is equipped with an
18 auxiliary power unit, the weight limitations provided in
19 subsection (a) are increased by four hundred (400) pounds.

20 (6) For purposes of a vehicle that uses natural gas as a motor fuel
21 **or is powered primarily by means of electric battery power**,
22 the weight limitations provided in subsection (a) are increased
23 by two thousand (2,000) pounds.

24 (c) The greater of the weight limits imposed under subsection (a)
25 or this subsection applies to vehicles operated upon a highway. The
26 weight limits in effect on January 4, 1975, for any highway that is not
27 designated as a heavy duty highway under IC 9-20-5 are the following:

28 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of a vehicle or
29 combination of vehicles may not exceed seventy-three thousand
30 two hundred eighty (73,280) pounds.

31 (2) The total weight concentrated on the roadway surface from
32 a tandem axle group may not exceed sixteen thousand (16,000)
33 pounds for each axle of a tandem assembly.

34 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen
35 or with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch
36 width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle
37 weight greater than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.

38 (d) For purposes of this section, "auxiliary power unit" means an
39 integrated system that:

40 (1) provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming, or
41 electricity to components on a heavy duty vehicle; and



1 (2) is certified by the administrator of the United States
2 Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 89 as meeting
3 applicable emission standards.

4 (e) For purposes of this section, "heavy duty vehicle" means a
5 vehicle that:

6 (1) has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than eight thousand
7 five hundred (8,500) pounds; and
8 (2) is powered by a diesel engine.

9 SECTION 8. IC 9-20-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss),
10 SECTION 290, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana department of
12 transportation or local authority that:

16 may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause shown,
17 grant a permit for transporting heavy vehicles and loads or other
18 objects not conforming to this article, including a vehicle transporting
19 an ocean going container, if the department or authority finds that other
20 traffic will not be seriously affected and the highway or bridge will not
21 be seriously damaged.

(b) The permit granted under subsection (a) must authorize the operation of a tractor-semitrailer and load that:

24 (1) exceeds the maximum length limitation under this chapter;
25 and

26 (2) is subject to regulation under this chapter;
27 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after
28 sunset.

29 (c) A permit may be issued under this section for the following:

30 (1) A single trip. **A permit issued under this subdivision is**

31 **valid for five (5) days from the date it is issued.**

32 (2) A definite time not exceeding thirty (30) days.

33 (3) A ninety (90) day period.

34 (4) A one (1) year period.

35 (d) This subsection applies to the transportation of ocean going
36 containers that:

37 (1) have been sealed at the place of origin and have not been
38 opened except by an agent of the federal government that may
39 inspect the contents; and

40 (2) are being transported to or from a distribution facility.
41 The total gross weight, with load of a vehicle or combination of

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1 vehicles transporting an ocean going container may not exceed
 2 ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. A permit issued under this
 3 section must be issued on an annual basis. A permit issued under this
 4 subsection may not impose a limit on the number of movements
 5 generated by the applicant or operator of a vehicle granted a permit
 6 under this subsection.

7 SECTION 9. IC 32-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2026]:

10 **ARTICLE 19.5. DESCRIBING REAL PROPERTY;
 11 INDIANA PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM**

12 **Chapter 1. Applicability and Definitions**

13 **Sec. 1. Nothing in this article prohibits a person from using:**
 14 (1) **the most recent or a prior version of the SPCS established
 15 by the NGS; or**
 16 (2) **the Indiana Coordinate System of 1983, as provided in
 17 IC 32-19;**

18 **to state the geographic positions or locations of points above, on, or
 19 below the surface of the earth within Indiana.**

20 **Sec. 2. As used in this article, "INPCS" means the Indiana
 21 Plane Coordinate System, as described in IC 32-19.5-2-1.**

22 **Sec. 3. As used in this article, "LDP" means low distortion
 23 map projections and refers to a zone yielding minimized
 24 differences between ground-measured horizontal distances and the
 25 corresponding grid coordinate distances.**

26 **Sec. 4. As used in this article, "NGS" means the National
 27 Geodetic Survey or its successors.**

28 **Sec. 5. As used in this article, "NSRS" means the National
 29 Spatial Reference System or its successors.**

30 **Sec. 6. As used in this article, "SPCS" means the State Plane
 31 Coordinate System or its successors.**

32 **Sec. 7. As used in this article, "zone" means the area
 33 constituted in Indiana to be portrayed by a specified conformal
 34 map projection and its defining parameters.**

35 **Chapter 2. Designation of the Indiana Plane Coordinate
 36 System; Zones**

37 **Sec. 1. The most recent system of plane coordinates established
 38 by the NGS, based on the NSRS, and known as the SPCS, for
 39 defining and stating the geographic positions or locations of points
 40 on the surface of earth within Indiana shall be known as the
 41 "Indiana Plane Coordinate System".**

42 **Sec. 2. (a) For purposes of the use of the INPCS, the state of**



1 **Indiana is divided into a statewide zone layer and a multizone**
 2 **layer.**

3 **(b) The statewide zone layer:**

4 **(1) consists of a single zone, which is constituted by the total**
 5 **area included in Indiana;**

6 **(2) should generally be used for applications such as:**

7 **(A) a statewide digital orthoimagery;**

8 **(B) a statewide geographic information system; and**

9 **(C) emergency management and preparedness mapping;**
 10 **and**

11 **(3) should generally not be used for applications such as:**

12 **(A) original, retrace, or route surveys, as described**
 13 **in 865 IAC 1-12;**

14 **(B) describing real property; and**

15 **(C) the design and construction of large facilities or**
 16 **massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing**
 17 **plants, bridges, and dams.**

18 **(c) The multizone layer:**

19 **(1) consists of multiple LDP zones that are constituted by the**
 20 **areas included in individual counties or specified groups of**
 21 **counties; and**

22 **(2) should generally be used for applications such as:**

23 **(A) original, retrace, or route surveys, as described**
 24 **in 865 IAC 1-12;**

25 **(B) describing real property;**

26 **(C) the design and construction of large facilities or**
 27 **massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing**
 28 **plants, bridges, and dams; and**

29 **(D) city or county geographic information systems.**

30 **Sec. 3. The use of the term "Indiana Plane Coordinate**
 31 **System" or INPCS on any map, report of survey, or other**
 32 **document must be limited to coordinates based on the INPCS as**
 33 **described in this article.**

34 **Chapter 3. Coordinates; Geodetic Control; Recording**
 35 **Requirements**

36 **Sec. 1. (a) The plane coordinates of a point to be used in**
 37 **expressing the geographic position or location of the point in the**
 38 **appropriate zone of the INPCS must consist of two (2) distances,**
 39 **expressed in feet and decimals of a foot or meters and decimals of**
 40 **a meter. When a value is expressed in feet, it must be expressed in**
 41 **international feet (1 foot = 0.3048 meters).**

42 **(b) The distance described in subsection (a) that gives the**



1 **distance east of the Y axis is the "east or x-coordinate". The**
 2 **distance described in subsection (a) that gives the distance north of**
 3 **the X axis is the "north or y-coordinate".**

4 **(c) The Y axis of any zone must be parallel with the central**
 5 **median of that zone. The X axis of any zone must be at right angles**
 6 **to the central median of that zone.**

7 **Sec. 2. To locate the position of the coordinate systems on the**
 8 **surface of the earth within Indiana, the position of the INPCS must**
 9 **be established by geodetic control points or positioning systems,**
 10 **such as the Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)**
 11 **that are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**
 12 **Administration CORS Network, or similar points and systems**
 13 **whose positions have been established from those points and**
 14 **systems.**

15 **Sec. 3. Coordinates based on the Indiana coordinate system of**
 16 **1927 (as described in IC 32-19), the Indiana coordinate system of**
 17 **1983 (as described in IC 32-19), the INPCS, or any other**
 18 **coordinate system published by an agency of the federal**
 19 **government or the state, including the Indiana Geospatial**
 20 **Coordinate System, purporting to define the position of a point on**
 21 **a land boundary map may not be presented to be recorded in any**
 22 **public land records or deed records unless the recording document**
 23 **contains the following:**

24 **(1) The method used to relate the coordinates to the NSRS.**
 25 **(2) The name and zone of the coordinate system, including**
 26 **the following metadata:**
 27 **(A) Reference frame or datum.**
 28 **(B) Datum realization.**
 29 **(C) Epoch.**
 30 **(D) Units.**

31 **Sec. 4. The official geodetic datums to which geodetic**
 32 **coordinates are referenced within Indiana must be as defined for**
 33 **the NSRS.**

34 **Chapter 4. Descriptions of Land Using the Indiana Plane**
 35 **Coordinate System**

36 **Sec. 1. As established for use in any of the zones within the**
 37 **multizone layer, the INPCS:**

38 **(1) must be named; and**
 39 **(2) in any land description in which it is used, must be**
 40 **designated by the official name promulgated by the National**
 41 **Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's NGS.**

42 **Sec. 2. When a tract of land to be defined by a single**



1 **description extends from one (1) zone into other adjacent zones, the**
2 **positions of all points on the boundaries of the tract being defined**
3 **must be referred to by the zone that is specifically named in the**
4 **description.**

5 **Sec. 3. (a) Descriptions of tracts of land by reference to the**
6 **United States public land surveys, other original pertinent surveys,**
7 **or subdivisions are recognized as the basic and prevailing method**
8 **for describing such tracts.**

9 **(b) If coordinates of the INPCS are used to describe a tract of**
10 **land that, in the same document, is also described by reference to**
11 **any subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land**
12 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions:**

13 **(1) the description by coordinates must be construed as**
14 **supplemental to the basic description of the subdivision, line,**
15 **or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed**
16 **of record; and**

17 **(2) in the event of any conflict, the description by reference**
18 **to the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States land**
19 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions**
20 **prevails over the description by coordinates.**

21 **SECTION 10. IC 34-30-2.1-87.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA**
22 **CODE AS A NEW SECTIONLS6725 TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
23 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 87.2. IC 8-23-2-12.7 (Concerning**
24 **contractors providing construction engineering inspection services**
25 **to the Indiana department of transportation).**

26 **SECTION 11. An emergency is declared for this act.**

