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BMV Announces Blackout License Plate

INDIANA – JULY 25, **2025**— The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announces a new license plate option for Indiana residents. Earlier this year, state lawmakers approved the design, and Governor Braun gave his approval near the end of the 2025 legislative session.

Beginning August 8, 2025, the BMV will offer Blackout plates, which feature an all-black background with crisp white lettering, for passenger motor vehicles, light trucks (less than 11,000lbs), motorcycles, or RVs. Disability Blackout plates will be available at a later date.

"Hoosiers have spoken, and we have listened. This plate reflects the ongoing interest we've heard from residents and staff," BMV Commissioner Kevin Garvey said. "People are constantly looking for fun ways to express who they are, and this is one way they can do that."

Customers may choose to replace their current license plate before its expiration to receive the Blackout plate. In doing so, they'll pay a \$9.50 replacement plate fee, which requires a visit to a branch representative and cannot be completed online or at a BMV Connect kiosk.

Additional standard fees include:

- Plate fee: \$45.00
- Optional Personalized License Plate (PLP) fee: \$45.00

The additional fee(s) will be due upon initial registration and all subsequent annual renewals.

Those interested in purchasing a Blackout plate may do so:

- Online during a new registration or renewal transaction via myBMV.com
- At a BMV Connect kiosk during a new registration or renewal
- **In person** with a representative at any BMV branch

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you, visit IN.gov/BMV.