

Indiana Noise Related Statutes

IC 14-22-31.5 CHAPTER 31.5. SHOOTING RANGES

IC 14-22-31.5-1 "Local unit of government" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "local unit of government" means a county, city, town, or township.

IC 14-22-31.5-2 "Person" defined

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, an association, a business entity, or a governmental entity.

IC 14-22-31.5-3 "Shooting range" defined

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "shooting range" means an area designed and operated for the use of archery, rifles, shotguns, pistols, muskets, or similar firearms that are fired at silhouettes, skeet, trap, paper, stillboard, or other similar targets.

IC 14-22-31.5-4 Repealed

IC 14-22-31.5-5 Local government regulation

Sec. 5. Except as specifically prohibited by this chapter and subject to IC 35-47-11.1, a local unit of government may regulate the location, use, operation, safety, and construction of a shooting range.

IC 14-22-31.5-6 Liability relating to noise

Sec. 6. A person who owns, operates, or uses a shooting range is not liable in any civil or criminal matter relating to noise or noise pollution that results from the normal operation or use of the shooting range if the shooting range complies with a law or an ordinance that applied to the shooting range and its operation at the time of the construction or initial operation of the shooting range, if such a law or ordinance was in existence at the time of the construction or initial operation of the shooting range.

IC 14-22-31.5-7 Powers of ranges in existence before July 1, 1996

Sec. 7. Notwithstanding any ordinance adopted by a local unit of government, a shooting range that is in existence before July 1, 1996, may do the following within the geographic boundaries of the shooting range as it existed on June 30, 1996:

(1) Repair, remodel, or reinforce a building or structure that is needed to ensure public safety or to secure the continued use of the building or structure.

(2) Reconstruct, repair, restore, or resume the use of a nonconforming building that has been damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of nature, or war after July 1, 1996. However, the reconstruction, repair, or restoration must be completed not more than one (1) year after the date of the damage to the building or the settlement of the property damage claim. If the reconstruction, repair, or restoration is not completed within one (1) year, the local unit of government may terminate the continuation of the nonconforming use.

(3) Expand or increase the membership of the shooting range or opportunities for public participation at the shooting range.

IC9-19-5 CHAPTER 5. HORNS AND EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNALS

IC9-19-5-1 Necessity of horn; audibility

Sec. 1. A motor vehicle, when operated upon a highway, must be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet. However, a horn or other warning device may not emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle.

IC9-19-5-2 Use of horn during operation of vehicle

Sec. 2. The driver of a motor vehicle shall, when reasonably necessary to ensure safe operation, give audible warning with the horn on the motor vehicle but may not otherwise use the horn when upon a highway.

IC9-19-5-3 Equipping vehicle with sirens, whistles, or bells; exemption

Sec. 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b):

- (1) a vehicle may not be equipped with; and
- (2) a person may not use upon a vehicle; a siren, whistle, or bell.

(b) An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell that is capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet and of a type approved by the department. A siren authorized under this section may not be used except when the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violation of the law. The person who drives a vehicle equipped with a siren under this section shall sound the siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other persons who are driving vehicles of the approach of the authorized vehicle.

IC9-19-5-5 Theft alarms

Sec. 5. A commercial vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal device that cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal.

9-19-5-7 United States Department of Transportation regulations; classification of violations

Sec. 7.

(a) This section does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

- (1) contains parts and accessories; and
- (2) is equipped;

As required under regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.

(b) A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

IC 9-19-8 CHAPTER 8 MUFFLERS AND NOISE LIMITS

IC 9-19-8-1 Application of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to every motor vehicle except an antique motor vehicle registered under IC 9-18-12-1.

IC 9-19-8-2 Muffler leaks, alteration, or deterioration

Sec. 2. A motor vehicle must be equipped with a muffler free from the following visually discernible conditions:

- (1) Exhaust gas leaks.
- (2) Alteration of muffler elements.
- (3) Deterioration of muffler elements.

IC 9-19-8-3 Operation of muffler or noise dissipative device

Sec. 3. A motor vehicle must be equipped with a muffler or other noise dissipative device that meets the following conditions:

- (1) Is in good working order.
- (2) Is in constant operation to prevent excessive noise.

IC 9-19-8-4 Muffler cutouts and bypasses

Sec. 4. A motor vehicle may not be equipped with any of the following:

- (1) A muffler cutout.
- (2) A bypass.
- (3) Any similar device.

IC9-19-8-6 United States Department of Transportation regulations; classification of violations

Sec. 6. (a) This section does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

- (1) contains parts and accessories; and
- (2) is equipped;

as required under regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.

(b) A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

IC9-19-14 CHAPTER 14 SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

IC9-19-14-1 Siren, exhaust whistle, or bell

Sec. 1. An authorized emergency vehicle must, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this article, be equipped with a siren, exhaust whistle, or bell capable of giving an audible signal.

IC9-19-14-3 Audibility requirements for sirens, whistles, and bells; use of siren

Sec. 3. An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet and of a type approved by the state police department. The siren may not be used except when the vehicle is operated as follows:

(1) In response to an emergency call.

(2) In the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violation of the law. In this case, the driver of the vehicle shall sound the vehicle's siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the vehicle's approach.