

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Haines**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Antique Motor Vehicles - Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "historic motor vehicle" to include only
4 vehicles manufactured in a certain model year or later; defining the term
5 "antique motor vehicle"; providing for the registration of antique motor vehicles;
6 establishing a registration fee; providing that the registration of an antique
7 motor vehicle is not transferable; requiring an application for registration as an
8 antique motor vehicle to contain certain certifications; requiring the Motor
9 Vehicle Administration to issue a special registration plate for a vehicle
10 registered under this Act; exempting a vehicle registered as an antique motor
11 vehicle from certain provisions of law; authorizing a vehicle registered as an
12 antique motor vehicle to display vintage registration plates; making stylistic
13 changes; and generally relating to the registration of antique motor vehicles.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 13-411(h), 13-936, and 13-936.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Transportation
21 Section 13-939.2
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Transportation

2 13-411.

3 (h) (1) A vehicle registered as a historic [or antique vehicle] (Class L)
4 VEHICLE OR AN ANTIQUE (CLASS R) VEHICLE in this State or in another state, when
5 used or driven in this State, may display vintage registration plates as an indication
6 of the historic or antique nature of the vehicle. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of
7 this subsection, the place on the vehicle provided for the display of registration plates
8 may only be used for the display of current registration plates in accordance with
9 subsections (a) through (c) of this section, and any vintage registration plates which
10 are used shall be displayed elsewhere on the vehicle.

11 (2) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration
12 plates in lieu of current registration plates, as provided in § 13-936.1 of this title, the
13 vintage registration plates shall be displayed as required under subsections (a)
14 through (c) of this section. However, the current registration plates shall be kept in
15 the vehicle at all times.

16 13-936.

17 (a) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a
18 passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck, MANUFACTURED IN MODEL YEAR 1946 OR
19 LATER AND that:

20 (1) Is AT LEAST 20 years old [or older];

21 (2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original
22 design; and

23 (3) Meets criteria contained in [rules and] regulations [issued]
24 ADOPTED by the Administration.

25 (b) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" does not include a vehicle that has
26 been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

27 (c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic
28 motor vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.

29 (d) For each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$25.50.

30 (e) In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section,
31 the owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the
32 vehicle for which the application is made:

33 (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades,
34 tours, occasional transportation, and similar uses; and

35 (2) Will not be used:

36 (i) For general daily transportation; or

1 (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on
2 highways.

3 (f) Except as provided in § 13-936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a
4 vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue a special, historic motor
5 vehicle registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

6 (g) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a
7 statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the
8 presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle
9 registered under this section.

10 (h) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that
11 requires periodic vehicle inspections or that requires the use and inspection of
12 emission controls.

13 13-936.1.

14 (a) In this section, "vintage registration plate" means a Maryland registration
15 plate that was actually issued for display on a motor vehicle in a year not less than 25
16 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year.

17 (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the owner of a motor
18 vehicle registered under § 13-936 [or], § 13-937.1, OR § 13-939.2 of this subtitle as a
19 Class L (historic) [or], Class N (street rod), OR CLASS R (ANTIQUÉ) vehicle may
20 display 2 vintage registration plates in lieu of current registration plates on that
21 vehicle.

22 (2) The Administration may authorize the display of 2 vintage
23 registration plates in lieu of current registration plates on a motor vehicle described
24 in paragraph (1) of this subsection if:

25 (i) The owner of the motor vehicle submits an application on a form
26 prescribed by the Administrator;

27 (ii) The 2 vintage registration plates were issued in the same year
28 as the model year of the motor vehicle; and

29 (iii) The owner of the motor vehicle pays a onetime registration fee
30 of \$25.50.

31 (c) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration plates
32 under this section:

33 (1) The vintage registration plates shall remain valid for as long as title
34 to the motor vehicle remains in the person who submitted an application under
35 subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section; and

1 (2) A fee in addition to the onetime registration fee prescribed in
2 subsection (b)(2)(iii) of this section is not required for the issuance of the vintage
3 registration plates.

4 13-939.2.

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR
6 VEHICLE, INCLUDING A PASSENGER VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, OR TRUCK,
7 MANUFACTURED IN A MODEL YEAR BEFORE 1946 AND THAT:

8 (I) HAS NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED FROM THE
9 MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL DESIGN; AND

10 (II) MEETS CRITERIA CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY
11 THE ADMINISTRATION.

12 (2) "ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

13 (I) A VEHICLE THAT HAS HAD ITS HORSEPOWER OR DIMENSIONS
14 CHANGED; OR

15 (II) A VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN REMANUFACTURED OR
16 RECONSTRUCTED AS A REPLICA OF AN ORIGINAL VEHICLE.

17 (B) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION, AN
18 ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A CLASS R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE.

19 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR EACH CLASS
20 R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE, THERE IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$25.50.

21 (2) REGISTRATION OF A CLASS R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE UNDER THIS
22 SECTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO A SUBSEQUENT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE.

23 (D) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OF AN ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE
24 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE
25 APPLICATION A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION
26 IS MADE:

27 (1) WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR USE IN EXHIBITIONS, CLUB ACTIVITIES,
28 PARADES, TOURS, OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION, AND SIMILAR USES; AND

29 (2) WILL NOT BE USED:

30 (I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR

31 (II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR
32 PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS.

33 (E) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-936.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ON REGISTRATION
34 OF A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL

1 ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE SIZE AND DESIGN THAT
2 THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES.

3 (F) UNLESS THE PRESENCE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS SPECIFICALLY
4 REQUIRED BY A STATUTE OF THIS STATE AS A CONDITION OF SALE WHEN THE
5 VEHICLE WAS MANUFACTURED, THE PRESENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT IS
6 NOT REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS
7 SECTION.

8 (G) A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION IS EXEMPT FROM ANY
9 STATUTE THAT REQUIRES PERIODIC VEHICLE INSPECTIONS OR THAT REQUIRES THE
10 USE AND INSPECTION OF EMISSION CONTROLS.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2005.