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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 35 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Law - Vehicle Class - Street Rods

This departmental bill expands the definition of “street rods” to include vehicles that: (1) were assembled or manufactured after 1975; (2) were made to resemble a pre-1975 vehicle; and (3) have a body constructed of nonoriginal materials.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues from registration fees for “kit cars.” No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: A street rod is currently defined as a vehicle that is 25 years old or older and has been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design.

Background: The current definition of this classification of vehicles fails to include vehicles known as “kit cars,” which are created from kits and made to resemble historic vehicles. The bill’s language includes such vehicles under its classification for street rods.

State Revenues: Currently, cars assembled from kits are not eligible to be registered as any

class of vehicle. The bill will allow kit cars to be registered as street rods, which carry an annual registration fee of \$13.50. While the number of kit cars that could be so registered is unknown, the resulting revenue increase is assumed to be minimal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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