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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - ~~Antique~~ Historic 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 one-time registration fee for vehicles manufactured at least a
7 certain number of years prior to the current model year; providing that the
8 registration of an antique a certain motor vehicle is not transferable; requiring
9 an application for registration as an antique motor vehicle to contain certain
10 certifications; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a special
11 registration plate for a vehicle registered under this Act; exempting a vehicle
12 registered as an antique motor vehicle from certain provisions of law;
13 authorizing a vehicle registered as an antique motor vehicle to display vintage
14 registration plates; providing for a delayed effective date; making stylistic
15 changes; and generally relating to the registration of antique historic motor
16 vehicles.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 13-411(h)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article - Transportation
24 Section ~~13-411(h), 13-936, and 13-936.1~~
25 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

2 ~~BY adding to~~

3 ~~Article - Transportation~~

4 ~~Section 13-939.3~~

5 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

6 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~

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

9 **Article - Transportation**

10 13-411.

11 (h) (1) A vehicle registered as a historic ~~for antique vehicle~~(Class L)
12 ~~VEHICLE OR AN ANTIQUE (CLASS R) VEHICLE~~ in this State or in another state, when
13 used or driven in this State, may display vintage registration plates as an indication
14 of the historic or antique nature of the vehicle. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of
15 this subsection, the place on the vehicle provided for the display of registration plates
16 may only be used for the display of current registration plates in accordance with
17 subsections (a) through (c) of this section, and any vintage registration plates which
18 are used shall be displayed elsewhere on the vehicle.

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

24 13-936.

25 (a) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a
26 passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck, ~~MANUFACTURED IN MODEL YEAR 1946 OR~~
27 ~~LATER AND~~ that:

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

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

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

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

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

1 (d) ~~For~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION, FOR each
 2 Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$25.50.

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

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

8 (2) Will not be used:

9 (i) For general daily transportation; or

10 (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on
 11 highways.

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

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

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

22 (I) (1) FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURED AT LEAST 60 YEARS PRIOR
 23 TO THE CURRENT MODEL YEAR, THERE IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$50.00.

24 (2) REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURED UNDER THIS
 25 SUBSECTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO A SUBSEQUENT OWNER.

26 ~~13-936.1.~~

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

30 (b) ~~(1) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the owner of a motor~~
 31 ~~vehicle registered under § 13-936 [or], § 13-937.1, OR § 13-939.3 of this subtitle as a~~
 32 ~~Class L (historic) [or], Class N (street rod), OR CLASS R (ANTIQUE) vehicle may~~
 33 ~~display 2 vintage registration plates in lieu of current registration plates on that~~
 34 ~~vehicle.~~

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

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

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

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

10 (e) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration plates
11 under this section:

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

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

18 ~~13-939.3.~~

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

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

24 (II) MEETS CRITERIA CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY
25 THE ADMINISTRATION.

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

27 (I) A VEHICLE THAT HAS HAD ITS HORSEPOWER OR DIMENSIONS
28 CHANGED; OR

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

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

33 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR EACH CLASS
34 R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE, THERE IS A ONETIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$50.00.

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

3 (D) ~~IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OF AN ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE~~
4 ~~UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE~~
5 ~~APPLICATION A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION~~
6 ~~IS MADE:~~

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

9 (2) ~~WILL NOT BE USED:~~

10 (1) ~~FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR~~

11 (II) ~~PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR~~
12 ~~PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS.~~

13 (E) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-936.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ON REGISTRATION~~
14 ~~OF A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL~~
15 ~~ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE SIZE AND DESIGN THAT~~
16 ~~THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES.~~

17 (F) ~~UNLESS THE PRESENCE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS SPECIFICALLY~~
18 ~~REQUIRED BY A STATUTE OF THIS STATE AS A CONDITION OF SALE WHEN THE~~
19 ~~VEHICLE WAS MANUFACTURED, THE PRESENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT IS~~
20 ~~NOT REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS~~
21 ~~SECTION.~~

22 (G) ~~A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION IS EXEMPT FROM ANY~~
23 ~~STATUTE THAT REQUIRES PERIODIC VEHICLE INSPECTIONS OR THAT REQUIRES THE~~
24 ~~USE AND INSPECTION OF EMISSION CONTROLS.~~

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 ~~October 1, 2006~~ January 1, 2007.