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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Historic Motor Vehicles and Street Rod Vehicles – Minimum Age**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a motor vehicle be at least a certain number of years old
4 in order to be eligible for registration as a historic motor vehicle or a street rod motor
5 vehicle; and generally relating to historic motor vehicles and street rod vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 13–936 and 13–937.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 13–936.

15 (a) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including a
16 passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

17 (1) Is [a model year of 1999 or earlier] **AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD**;

18 (2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original
19 design; and

20 (3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, for each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$45.50; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$55.50.

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

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

(2) Will not be used:

(i) For general daily transportation;

(ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways;

(iii) For employment;

(iv) For transportation to and from employment or school; or

(v) For commercial purposes.

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

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

(h) (1) A vehicle with a model year of 1985 or earlier registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires vehicle inspections.

(2) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.

(i) (1) For a motor vehicle manufactured at least 60 years prior to the current model year, there is a onetime registration fee of \$50.00.

(2) Registration of a motor vehicle manufactured under this subsection is not transferable to a subsequent owner.

13–937.1.

(a) In this section, “street rod” means a motor vehicle that:

(1) Is [25 years old or older] **AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD**; and

(2) Has been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, if registered with the Administration under this section, every street rod is a Class N (street rod) vehicle.

(c) For each Class N (street rod) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$45.00; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$55.00.

(d) In applying for registration of a street rod under this section, the owner of the street rod shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

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

(2) Will not be used:

(i) For general daily transportation; or

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

(e) (1) The registration of a street rod registered before July 1, 1987, as a Class L (historic) vehicle shall remain valid until midnight on the date indicated on the registration card issued by the Administration.

(2) On expiration of a street rod’s registration as a Class L (historic) vehicle, a street rod registered with the Administration shall be registered as a Class N (street rod) vehicle as required by this section.

1 (f) Except as provided in § 13–936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a vehicle
2 under this section, the Administration shall issue a special street rod vehicle registration
3 plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

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

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
12 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
13 application to any historic motor vehicle or street rod registered before the effective date of
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2026.