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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## 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.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

14 (2) Will not be used:

15 (i) For general daily transportation;

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

18 (iii) For employment;

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

20 (v) For commercial purposes.

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

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

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

5 13-937.1.

6 (a) In this section, "street rod" means a motor vehicle that:

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

8 (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.

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

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

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

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

19 (2) Will not be used:

20 (i) For general daily transportation; or

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

(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 street rod vehicle registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

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