

SENATE BILL 452

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CF HB 125

By: Senator Jennings

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Historic Motor 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; and generally
5 relating to historic motor vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 13–936

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 25 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.



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.

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

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2026.