

# SENATE BILL 566

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By: **Senators Ready, Bailey, Folden, and Salling**

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## 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; requiring the Motor  
5 Vehicle Administration to reinstate certain historic motor vehicle registrations; and  
6 generally relating to historic motor vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–936

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### 14 **Article – Transportation**

15 13–936.

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

18 (1) Is [a model year of 1999 or earlier] **AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD**;

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

21 (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.

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 the Motor Vehicle  
6 Administration shall reinstate, without any action required by the owner of a vehicle, the  
7 historic motor vehicle registration of a motor vehicle that before July 1, 2025, was  
8 registered as a historic motor vehicle and that on or after July 1, 2025, had its historic  
9 vehicle registration suspended or revoked as a result of the change to the definition of  
10 "historic motor vehicle" in Chapter 604 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall be  
12 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any  
13 effect on or application to any historic motor vehicle registered before the effective date of  
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2026.