

Written testimony “Favorable with amendment” for SB0896

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I provide written testimony in support of SB0896 which if passed, would return Historic (Class L) and Street Rod (Class N) registration fees to the amount previously charged by the State of Maryland in 2024.

The amendment requested is that the text in SB0896 follows current State eligibility rules for Historic Vehicles being manufactured no later than 1999. As there are several bills in both the House and Senate for this session that corrects this mistaken historical cut off, I recommend an amendment to SB0896 to state “Historic, as designated by the State, effective on 1 July, 2026. This will then include the potential legislative changes now underway.

Historic and Street Rods are by law not daily drivers. A reduced price for registration reflects their only occasional use. The increase in fees resulting from purely revenue generating measures last legislative session, effectively doubled the cost for these hobbyists.

These hobbyists provide revenue to the State through tourism and Car Shows. The latter are often for charitable causes resulting in millions of dollars of donations. Maryland’s Historic and Street Rod hobbyists should not have to pay double the previous tag fees.

This support with “Favorable with amendment” is also endorsed by the Maryland Collectible Auto Association and the Antique Auto Clubs of America.

Thank you for submitting this bill.

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