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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANTIQUE MOTOR
VEHICLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANTIQUE MOTOR
VEHICLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2201(2)(A) and (B), concerning the definition of "historic or special interest vehicle", are amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) "Historic or special interest vehicle" means a motor vehicle of age ~~which~~ that is essentially unaltered from the original manufacturer's specifications and ~~which~~ that, because of its significance, is being collected, preserved, restored, or maintained by a hobbyist as a leisure pursuit.

(B) "Historic or special interest vehicle" shall include a motor vehicle sometimes referred to by the ~~classifications~~ classification of:

- (i) ~~antique,~~ Antique;
- (ii) ~~horseless~~ Horseless carriage;
- (iii) ~~classic,~~ Classic; or
- (iv) ~~action-era~~ Muscle car era.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(a), concerning registration fees



for a historic or special interest vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~Any~~ A person who is the owner of a historic or special interest vehicle that is ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty-five (45) years of age or older at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title may, upon application,

~~(A) register~~ Register ~~it~~ the motor vehicle as a historic or special interest vehicle, upon the payment of a fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) for each historic or special interest vehicle; and

~~(B) be~~ Be furnished a special license plate of distinctive design to be displayed on each historic or special interest vehicle ~~in lieu~~ instead of the ~~usual~~ standard Arkansas license plate.

(2) ~~This~~ A special license plate issued under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section shall have the same legal significance as ~~an~~ ordinary a standard Arkansas license plate.

(3) In addition to the identification number, ~~this~~ the special license plate issued under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section shall identify the motor vehicle as a historic or ~~antique~~ special interest vehicle owned by an Arkansas collector.

(4) The registration shall be valid while the historic or special interest vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any additional fee, tax, or license if the owner provides the Department of Finance and Administration yearly proof of current insurance coverage on the historic or special interest vehicle as required under § 27-22-101 et seq.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(d), concerning registration fees for a historic or special interest vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) A motor vehicle manufactured as a reproduction or facsimile of a historic or special interest vehicle shall not be eligible for registration under this section unless it has been in existence for ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty-five (45) years or more.

(2) The age shall be calculated from the date the motor vehicle was originally assembled as a facsimile.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(e) and (f), concerning registration requirements for vehicles currently licensed as antiques, are amended to read as follows:

(e) Collectors who, on ~~July 8, 1975~~ or before the effective date of this act, have motor vehicles licensed as ~~antiques~~ historic or special interest vehicles under current statutes ~~shall not be~~ are not required to register these motor vehicles or obtain new license plates for these motor vehicles.

(f) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2006, each~~ Each collector applying for a license plate under this subchapter shall:

(1) own ~~own~~ and have registered one (1) or more motor vehicles that he or she uses for regular transportation; and

(2) Provide the office proof of ownership and registration as required under subdivision (f)(1) of this section.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2209(a)(1), concerning the definition of "antique license plate", is amended to read as follows:

(1) Is approved for issuance under subsection (e) of this section for a historic or special interest vehicle as defined ~~under~~ in § 27-15-2201 that is more than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty-five (45) years of age instead of the special license plate issued under § 27-15-2202; and

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2209, concerning alternative license plates for antique motor vehicles, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(f) Collectors who, on or before the effective date of this act, have vehicles licensed as historic or special interest vehicles under current statutes shall not be required to register these vehicles or obtain new license plates for these vehicles.

(g) Each collector applying for a license plate under this subchapter shall:

(1) Own and have registered one (1) or more motor vehicles that he or she uses for regular transportation; and

(2) Provide the office proof of ownership and registration as required under subdivision (g)(1) of this section.