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Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Transportation suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Presented by Mr. Twitchell of Norway.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Concerning the Category of Modified Antique Autos under the Motor Vehicle Statutes.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 15-C-1 is enacted to read:

15-C-1. Street rod. "Street rod" means a modified antique auto manufactured prior to 1949, which is registered in a Maine street rod club affiliated with the National Street Rod Association, Inc., and which may be used for the conveyance of passengers.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 114, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 364, § 3, is amended to read:

§ 114. Antique vehicles; modified antique vehicles

The registration of an antique auto or, horseless carriage or street rod as defined in this Title shall be upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. The registration shall be accompanied by an affidavit, provided by the Secretary of State, which shall include a statement of the age and intended use of the motor vehicle and that the applicant is a resident of the State. **Any person registering a street rod shall furnish proof that the street rod is registered in a Maine street rod club affiliated with the National Street Rod Association, Inc.**

The Secretary of State is authorized to design and issue registration plates for antique autos ~~and~~, horseless carriages **and street rods**. These plates shall bear the inscriptions "Antique Auto," ~~or~~ "Horseless Carriage" or "**Street Rod**" and "Maine." Present owners of antique motor vehicles shall be permitted to keep their existing registration plate numbers for the new registration plates issued under this section. The fee for registration of an antique auto or horseless carriage shall be \$10. **The owner of a street rod registered under this section, upon loss of registration with a Maine street rod club, shall immediately surrender to the Secretary of State any special plates issued under this section.**

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 2502, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 464, § 5, is amended to read:

All motor vehicles except motor cycles ~~and~~, motor driven cycles **and street rods**, registered in Maine, except as herein provided, are subject to a semiannual inspection as provided in this chapter. Motor cycles and motor driven cycles are subject to an annual inspection according to the provisions of this chapter. **Street rods are subject to an annual inspection as provided in section 2502-A.**

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 2502-A is enacted to read:

§ 2502-A. Street rod inspection

All street rods registered in the State are subject to an annual inspection. No street rod is eligible for inspection unless a valid National Street Rod Association safety inspection sticker is displayed in the lower right hand corner of the windshield. The Chief of the State Police shall promulgate rules and regulations, conforming to the National Street Rod Association Vehicle Inspection Handbook, pertaining to equipment subject to the inspection and standards for rejection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes "street rod" as a special category of modified antique motor vehicles within Title 29. Special identification plates are provided. An annual inspection is required for this category of vehicle. The inspection would be conducted according to regulations conforming to the National Street Rod Association Vehicle Inspection Handbook.