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No. 1709

H.P. 1144

House of Representatives, April 17, 2025

An Act Regarding Antique Automobiles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford,
GUERRETTE of Caribou, LANCE of Paris, MASON of Lisbon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield,
SMITH of Palermo.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 634, §1, is further amended to read:

A. More than 35 25 years old or is 35 years old or less and more than ~~25~~ years old and was registered in the State as an antique vehicle prior to January 2025;

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 634, §3, is further amended to read:

A. Is over 25 years old or, in the case of an antique auto or antique motorcycle, is more than 35 years old or is more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique auto or antique motorcycle prior to January 2025;

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Additional requirements for antique autos. A person registering an antique auto shall show proof of registration and insurance for the motor vehicle used as that person's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods and shall maintain the registration and insurance for that motor vehicle or a replacement motor vehicle during the term of registration of the antique auto. A person may not operate an antique auto when a motor vehicle used as that person's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods is not registered and insured. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,500 may be adjudged and for which the Secretary of State may immediately revoke the registration for the antique auto.

SUMMARY

This bill reduces the age that an automobile or truck must be to be considered an antique auto in the motor vehicle laws from 35 years old to 25 years old. This age requirement was increased from 25 years old to 35 years old in Public Law 2023, chapter 634. The bill requires a person registering an antique auto to show proof of registration and insurance for the motor vehicle used as that person's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods and maintain the registration and insurance for that motor vehicle or a replacement motor vehicle during the term of registration of the antique auto. A person may not operate an antique auto when a motor vehicle used as that person's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods is not registered and insured. A person who violates this provision commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,500 may be adjudged and for which the Secretary of State may immediately revoke the registration for the antique auto.