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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 635, L.D. 786, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Categories of "Horseless Carriage" and "Antique Motor Car" under the Motor Vehicle Statutes."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§1-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 731, §19, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1-A. Antique auto. "Antique auto" means any motor vehicle manufactured on or after model year 1916, which is over 25 years old, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and which is not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§3-E, is enacted to read:

3-E. Horseless carriage. "Horseless carriage" means any motor vehicle made before model year 1916, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and which is not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §114 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§114. Antique vehicles

The registration of an antique auto or horseless carriage 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.

The Secretary of State is authorized to design and issue registration plates for antique autos and horseless carriages. These plates shall bear the inscriptions "Antique Auto" or "Horseless Carriage" 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 the registration of an antique auto or horseless carriage shall be \$10.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §2122, 6th ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

This section shall not apply to farm tractors which are manufactured as such, nor to horseless carriages or to antique autos with a manufacturing date prior to 1940. The exemptions provided in this section shall not include rehabilitated or rebuilt vehicles which have been altered and in which automotive parts or systems dissimilar to the original design of these parts or systems have been installed in order for these vehicles to be operated on public ways.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §2363, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 586, §1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Secretary of State may, upon such ~~-----~~ documented and notarized evidence of ownership as he requires and upon payment of a \$20 fee, issue a warranty title to a Maine resident owner of an antique auto or horseless carriage. A warranty title shall denote that evidence made available to the Secretary of State indicates that there are no known liens or encumbrances against the vehicle.

~~STATEMENT OF FACT~~

This amendment clarifies the definition of antique automobiles and horseless carriages. In addition, the amendment provides for a license plate that includes the inscription of "Antique Auto" or "Horseless Carriage" that may be attached to these vehicles. Owners of antique autos and horseless carriages will be able to obtain a warranty title indicating that evidence made available to the Secretary of State shows that there are no known liens or encumbrances against the vehicle.

This amendment also requires that antique vehicles and horseless carriages which have relatively "modern" engines and other equipment / shall be inspected.