

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-764)  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1598, L.D. 1709, Bill,  
"AN ACT Concerning the Category of Modified Antique Autos under  
the Motor Vehicle Statutes."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting  
in its place the following:

'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 and which complies with the standard  
promulgated by the Chief of the State Police.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in that part designated  
"§114", in the first ¶, by striking out all of the last underlined  
sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'Any person registering a street rod shall furnish proof that the  
vehicle is a valid street rod as provided in this section.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in that part designated  
"§114", in the 2nd ¶, by striking out all of the last underlined  
sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'The fee for registration of a street rod shall be \$25.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in that part designated  
"§114", by inserting at the end the following:

'The Chief of the State Police shall establish standards to determine vehicles that qualify as street rods. These standards include:

1. Age of vehicle. The age of the vehicle to qualify as a street rod;

2. Equipment and condition of equipment. The equipment and condition of the equipment of a vehicle to qualify as a street rod; and

3. Permissible modifications. Permissible modifications to motor vehicle equipment or vehicles to qualify as street rods.

The Chief of the State Police shall establish a procedure by which a vehicle shall be verified as a street rod and which verification may be presented to a motor vehicle registration agent at the time of registration of the vehicle. This procedure may include verification by any organization in which qualified street rod owners are members. No vehicle may be registered as a street rod without verification that the vehicle meets all the standards of a street rod as provided in this section.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'Street rods are subject to an annual inspection as provided in this chapter.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the requirements that street rods meet the standards of street rod clubs. This amendment requires street rods to meet state standards as promulgated by the Chief of the State Police. The Chief of the State Police is also required to establish a procedure by which a street rod may be verified as a genuine street rod. This provision will enable motor vehicle registration agents to register these vehicles without the responsibility of determining whether or not a vehicle is a genuine street rod.

In addition, this amendment requires street rods to meet the state motor vehicle inspection standards. The bill required street rods to be inspected by street rod clubs. Street rods may exceed the standards, however, of the state inspection standards.

The amendment establishes a \$25 registration fee for street rods to defray the increased costs of special plates, etc.