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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 405

In Senate, March 30, 1995

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**An Act to Allow for Street Legal Sprint Cars.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Oxford.

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§70-A** is enacted to read:

**70-A. Sprint car.** "Sprint car" means the same as a street rod as defined in subsection 76, except that a sprint car does not have fenders.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §457**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**§457. Antique vehicle registration plates**

**1. Antique vehicle registration plates authorized.** The Secretary of State may issue registration plates for antique autos, horseless carriages, street rods, sprint cars or antique motorcycles. These plates must bear the inscription "Maine" and the inscription "Antique Auto," "Horseless Carriage," or "Street Rod," "Sprint Car" or, for antique motorcycles, the inscription "Antique."

**2. Existing number plates.** An owner of an antique vehicle may keep an existing registration plate number for the new registration plates.

**3. Contemporary plates.** An owner of an antique auto, horseless carriage, sprint car, street rod or antique motorcycle may use registration plates that were issued in the same year the antique vehicle was manufactured, as long as the motor vehicle:

- A. Is over 25 years old;
- B. Is registered as an antique vehicle; and
- C. Carries a valid antique motor vehicle registration certificate and plates.

**4. Display of contemporary plates.** Contemporary registration plates must have matching plate numbers, be affixed to both the front and rear and conspicuously bear the year of manufacture.

**5. Street rod and sprint car standards.** The Chief of the State Police shall establish standards to qualify vehicles as street rods or sprint cars. These standards include:

- A. The age of the vehicle;
- B. The equipment and its condition;

2 C. Permissible modifications; and

4 D. Verification of membership in a qualified street rod or  
sprint car owners organization.

6 **6. Application.** An application for registration of a  
8 vehicle under this section must be accompanied by an affidavit  
10 that includes a statement of the age and intended use of the  
12 motor vehicle and that the vehicle is garaged or maintained in  
the State. A person registering a street rod or sprint car must  
furnish verification that the vehicle is a qualified street rod  
or sprint car.

14 **7. Registration fee.** The fee for registration of an  
16 antique auto, horseless carriage or antique motorcycle is \$12.  
The fee for registration of a street rod or sprint car is \$27.

18 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
20 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

22 **4. Fenders.** Except as provided by section 1953, subsection  
24 2, paragraph E, a motor vehicle other than a street rod or sprint  
26 car must be equipped with fenders or fenders and extensions.  
When a wheel and tire are installed that permit the tire tread to  
extend beyond the natural fender configuration, the fenders must  
be modified or extended to cover the exposed tire tread.

28 **Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §2402, sub-§4, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.  
30 818, §2, is amended to read:

32 E. A motor vehicle registered as a street rod as defined in  
34 Title 29 29-A, section 1 101, subsection 15-C-1 76 and a  
sprint car as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection  
70-A;

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38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40 This bill allows for street legal sprint cars to be operated  
in this State.