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L.D. 1163
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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 806, L.D. 1163, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Street Rods and Custom Vehicles"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Custom Vehicles'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§19-A is enacted to read:

19-A. Custom vehicle. "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least 30 years old and of a model year after 1948 or a motor vehicle that was manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle that is at least 30 years old and of a model year after 1948 and that has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal material.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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

12 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §458-B** is enacted to read:

14 **§458-B. Custom vehicles**

16 A custom vehicle may be registered in accordance with the
provisions of this section.

18 **1. Registration fee.** The fee for the custom vehicle
20 registration plate is the regular motor vehicle registration fee
required by section 501 and the excise tax required by Title 36,
22 section 1482.

24 **2. Registration plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue
a registration certificate and a set of custom vehicle
26 registration plates in a 3-number and 3-letter combination
sequence to be used in lieu of regular registration plates.

28 **3. Application.** An application for registration of a
30 vehicle under this section must be accompanied by an affidavit
that includes a statement indicating the year and make that the
32 body of the custom vehicle resembles and that the vehicle is
garaged or maintained in the State.

34 **4. Registration.** The registration must indicate the year
36 and make that the body of the custom vehicle resembles and must
indicate the vehicle has been modified.

38 **5. Vanity plates.** The Secretary of State may issue vanity
40 plates in accordance with section 453 and may not duplicate
vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

42 **6. Weight limit.** A custom vehicle registration plate may be
44 issued for a motor vehicle that does not exceed 6,000 pounds.

46 **7. Inspection.** A custom vehicle is subject to the
48 inspection requirements of section 1751.

50 **Sec. 5. Custom vehicle inspection committee.** The Chief of the
State Police shall convene a committee composed of no more than
15 members representing the custom vehicle and street

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2 rod industry to provide advice and technical assistance to the
3 State Police regarding custom vehicles and recommendations on
4 potential inspection standards and procedures. The Chief of the
5 State Police shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on
6 Transportation no later than February 1, 2006. The report must
7 include the status of the committee and any findings and
8 recommendations for the committee's continuance, discontinuance
9 or modification.

10 **Sec. 6. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that enact
11 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection
12 19-A; amend Title 29-A, section 457, subsections 1 and 6; and
13 enact Title 29-A, section 458-B take effect July 1, 2006.'

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16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment removes language from the bill that creates a
18 definition for "blue dot taillight." The amendment also amends
19 the definition of "custom vehicle" and establishes registration
20 and safety inspection requirements for custom vehicles. The
21 amendment further requires the Chief of the State Police to
22 convene a committee of interested parties to provide advice and
23 technical assistance regarding custom vehicles and
24 recommendations on potential inspection standards and procedures.
25 It also requires the committee to report back to the Joint
26 Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1,
27 2006 with any findings and recommendations.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 05/19/05 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1163

LR 1449(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Street Rods and Custom Vehicles

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - Highway Fund