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House of Representatives, March 24, 2011

**An Act To Require the Correct Motor Vehicle Registration for
Antique Autos and Custom Vehicles**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 653, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. Substantially maintained in original or restored condition primarily for use in
5 exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest or for
6 occasional use as a personal vehicle;

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 314, §3, is
8 amended to read:

9 F. Not an altered vehicle, or a vehicle that has undergone a change in some of the
10 component parts of the vehicle.

11 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§19-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 321, §1 and
12 affected by §6, is amended to read:

13 **19-A. Custom vehicle.** "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least ~~30~~ 25
14 years old and of a model year after 1948 or a motor vehicle that was manufactured to
15 resemble a motor vehicle that is at least ~~30~~ 25 years old and of a model year after 1948
16 and that has ~~been altered~~ undergone a change in some of the component parts from the
17 manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal material.

18 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §458-B, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 321, §4 and
19 affected by §6, is repealed.

20 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §458-B, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 321, §4 and
21 affected by §6, is amended to read:

22 **7. Inspection.** A custom vehicle is subject to the inspection requirements of section
23 1751, except for the exemptions under rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police that
24 pertain to custom vehicles and street rods.

25 **Sec. 6. Stakeholder group.** The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of
26 Motor Vehicles shall convene a stakeholder group to review issues concerning the
27 affidavit that must be filed with the bureau when registering an antique auto, custom
28 vehicle, horseless carriage or street rod. The bureau shall invite the participation of
29 representatives from the American Truck Historical Society, the Antique Automobile
30 Club of America, the Maine Custom Auto Association, the Maine Obsolete Auto League,
31 the National Street Rod Association and other interested stakeholders. The stakeholders
32 shall examine the current affidavit and the problems that have arisen in adhering to the
33 requirements of the affidavit, including, but not limited to, the parts of the affidavit that
34 deal with antique autos and custom vehicles. The stakeholder group shall develop
35 recommendations to amend the affidavit.

36 **Sec. 7. Report.** No later than December 7, 2011, the Department of the Secretary
37 of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall report the results of the study under section 6
38 along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on

1 Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill
2 related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

4 This bill amends the definition of "antique auto" to include that the vehicle may be
5 used for occasional personal use and that it may not have undergone a change in some of
6 the component parts of the vehicle. It amends the definition of "custom vehicle" by
7 changing the number of years of age that would constitute a custom vehicle from 30 years
8 to 25 years. It removes the weight limit of what constitutes a custom vehicle and
9 indicates that the exemptions adopted by the Chief of the State Police apply to a custom
10 vehicle. The bill also directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor
11 Vehicles to invite the participation of representatives of antique auto, street rod and
12 custom vehicle organizations to review the affidavit that must be filed with the bureau
13 when registering an antique auto, custom vehicle, horseless carriage or street rod and to
14 report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature with its findings.