

Chapter 389

(House Bill 668)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Historic Motor Vehicles – Trucks, Tractors, and Motor Homes

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain historic motor vehicle registration for certain trucks, tractors, and motor homes; establishing certain qualifications for a historic motor vehicle registration under this Act; establishing certain registration fees; prohibiting a vehicle registered under this Act from being used in a certain manner; requiring a certain owner applying for registration of a vehicle under this Act to certify that the vehicle will be maintained only for certain purposes; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain registration plates under certain circumstances; providing that the presence of certain equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered under this Act; exempting a vehicle registered under this Act from certain vehicle inspections; clarifying that this Act does not limit the authority of a police officer to issue a certain safety equipment repair order; prohibiting the transfer to a subsequent owner of a registration issued under this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the registration of historic motor vehicles.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 13–936.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

13–936.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE” MEANS A CLASS E (TRUCK) WITH A MANUFACTURER’S GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING IN EXCESS OF 10,000 POUNDS, CLASS F (TRACTOR), OR A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) MOTOR HOME THAT:

(1) IS AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD;

(2) HAS NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED FROM THE MANUFACTURER’S ORIGINAL DESIGN; AND

(3) MEETS CRITERIA CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) IN THIS SECTION, “HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN REMANUFACTURED OR RECONSTRUCTED AS A REPLICA OF AN ORIGINAL VEHICLE.

(C) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION, EVERY HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE IS A CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE.

(D) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLE, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS \$25.50.

(E) (1) A HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED FOR:

(I) GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR

(II) ANY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS.

(2) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OF A HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE:

(I) WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR USE IN EXHIBITIONS, CLUB ACTIVITIES, PARADES, TOURS, AND SIMILAR USES;

(II) WILL NOT BE USED FOR:

1. GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR

2. ANY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS; AND

(III) IS INSURED BY A HISTORIC VEHICLE, A SHOW VEHICLE, OR AN ANTIQUE VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICY.

(F) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-936.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ON REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE UNDER THE SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION

SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL, HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE SIZE AND DESIGN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES.

(G) UNLESS THE PRESENCE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY A STATUTE OF THIS STATE AS A CONDITION OF SALE WHEN THE VEHICLE WAS MANUFACTURED, THE PRESENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(H) (1) A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION IS EXEMPT FROM ANY STATUTE THAT REQUIRES PERIODIC VEHICLE INSPECTIONS OR THAT REQUIRES THE USE AND INSPECTION OF EMISSION CONTROLS.

(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF A POLICE OFFICER TO ISSUE A SAFETY EQUIPMENT REPAIR ORDER FOR DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT UNDER § 23-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(I) (1) FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURED AT LEAST 60 YEARS PRIOR TO THE CURRENT MODEL YEAR, THERE IS A ONETIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$50.00.

(2) REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO A SUBSEQUENT OWNER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.