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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1547

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6 By: Representative Fortner

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANTIQUE MOTOR  
11 VEHICLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANTIQUE MOTOR  
16 VEHICLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2201(2)(A) and (B), concerning the  
23 definition of "historic or special interest vehicle", is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 (2)(A) "Historic or special interest vehicle" means a motor  
26 vehicle of age which is essentially unaltered from the original  
27 manufacturer's specifications and which, because of its significance, is  
28 being collected, preserved, restored, or maintained by a hobbyist as a  
29 leisure pursuit.

30 (B) "Historic or special interest vehicle" shall include a  
31 motor vehicle sometimes referred to by the classifications of:

- 32 (i) ~~antique,~~ Antique;
- 33 (ii) ~~horseless~~ Horseless carriage;
- 34 (iii) ~~elassie,~~ Classic; or
- 35 (iv) ~~action era~~ Muscle car era.

1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(a), concerning registration fees  
2 for historic or special interest vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a)(1) ~~Any~~ A person who is the owner of a historic or special interest  
4 vehicle that is ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty-five (45) years of age or older at the  
5 time of making application for registration or transfer of title may, upon  
6 application,

7 (A) ~~register~~ Register ~~it~~ the motor vehicle as a historic  
8 or special interest vehicle, upon the payment of a fee of seven dollars  
9 (\$7.00) for each historic or special interest vehicle; and

10 (B) ~~be~~ Be furnished a special license plate of distinctive  
11 design to be displayed on each historic or special interest vehicle ~~in lieu~~  
12 instead of the ~~usual~~ standard Arkansas license plate.

13 (2) ~~This~~ A special license plate issued under subdivision (a)(1)  
14 of this section shall have the same legal significance as ~~an ordinary~~ a  
15 standard Arkansas license plate.

16 (3) In addition to the identification number, ~~this~~ the special  
17 license plate issued under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall identify  
18 the motor vehicle as a historic or antique vehicle owned by an Arkansas  
19 collector.

20 (4) The registration shall be valid while the historic or  
21 special interest vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any  
22 additional fee, tax, or license.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(d), concerning registration fees  
25 for a historic or special interest vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

26 (d)(1) A motor vehicle manufactured as a reproduction or facsimile of  
27 a historic or special interest vehicle shall not be eligible for registration  
28 under this section unless it has been in existence for ~~twenty-five (25)~~  
29 forty-five (45) years or more.

30 (2) The age shall be calculated from the date the motor vehicle  
31 was originally assembled as a facsimile.

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33 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(e) and (f), concerning  
34 registration requirements for vehicles currently licensed as antiques, is  
35 amended to read as follows:

1 (e) Collectors who, on ~~July 8, 1975~~ or before the effective date of  
2 this act, have vehicles licensed as antiques under current statutes shall not  
3 be required to register these vehicles or obtain new license plates for these  
4 vehicles.

5 (f) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2006, each~~ Each collector applying for a  
6 license plate under this subchapter shall own and have registered one (1) or  
7 more motor vehicles that he or she uses for regular transportation.

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9 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2209(a)(1), concerning the definition  
10 of "antique license plate", is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) Is approved for issuance under subsection (e) of this  
12 section for a historic or special interest vehicle as defined under § 27-15-  
13 2201 that is more than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty-five (45) years of age instead  
14 of the special license plate issued under § 27-15-2202; and

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16 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2209, is amended to add additional  
17 subsections to read as follows:

18 (f) Collectors who, on or before the effective date of this act, have  
19 vehicles licensed as antiques under current statutes shall not be required to  
20 register these vehicles or obtain new license plates for these vehicles.

21 (g) Each collector applying for a license plate under this subchapter  
22 shall own and have registered one (1) or more motor vehicles that he or she  
23 uses for regular transportation.

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25 SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after  
26 November 13, 2017.

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29 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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