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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR MOTOR
10 VEHICLES DESIGNATED AS STREET RODS; TO LEVY A FEE FOR
11 THE PLATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "
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Subtitle

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14 "TO CREATE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR
15 MOTOR VEHICLES DESIGNATED AS STREET
16 RODS. "
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. Definitions.

21 As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (1) "Office" means the Office of Motor Vehicles within the Revenue
23 Division of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration;

24 (2) "Street rod" means any modified antique automobile or truck produced
25 by an American manufacturer in 1948 or earlier which has undergone some type
26 of modification, including the modernization of the engine, transmission,
27 drivetrain, interior refinements, and other modifications the builder may
28 desire, which vehicle is to be driven under its own power and is to be used as
29 a safe, nonracing vehicle for family enjoyment.
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SECTION 2. Registration - Fee.

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32 (a)(1) Any person who is the owner of a motor vehicle qualified as a
33 street rod may, upon application, register it as a street rod, upon the
34 payment of a one-time initial fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each vehicle,
35 and thereafter the payment of an annual renewal fee of twenty-five dollars
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1 (\$25.00), and be furnished a license plate of distinctive design to be
 2 displayed on each vehicle in lieu of the usual license plates.

3 (2) These plates shall have the same legal significance as
 4 ordinary license plates.

5 (3) The special license plate shall bear the inscription "Street
 6 Rod-Arkansas" and shall have displayed on it the number assigned to the
 7 vehicle by the Office.

8 (4) The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned by
 9 the applicant upon the payment of the annual renewal fee.

10 (b) Application for these plates shall be made to the Office on special
 11 application forms prescribed by the Director of the Department of Finance and
 12 Administration.

13 (c) Each person applying for a plate under this act must own and have
 14 registered one (1) or more vehicles with regular plates which he uses for
 15 regular transportation.

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 17 SECTION 3. Affidavit - Vehicle safety equipment required.

18 (a) Any person making application for a street rod motor vehicle
 19 license plate under Section 2 shall transmit to the Office an affidavit signed
 20 by the applicant stating that the motor vehicle described in the application
 21 is modified in a manner as prescribed in the definition of street rod, is
 22 capable of operating under its own power and is equipped as is otherwise
 23 required by law for operation on the public streets and highways of Arkansas,
 24 and is to be used as a safe, nonracing vehicle for family enjoyment.

25 (b) Modifications of the vehicle in accordance with the definition of a
 26 street rod under this act shall not preclude the vehicle from meeting the
 27 vehicle equipment standards for brakes, lights, turn signals, if any, horns
 28 and sound devices, glass, mirrors, exhaust systems, windshield wipers, tires,
 29 and other items of equipment as required under Arkansas law to make a vehicle
 30 roadworthy.

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 32 SECTION 4. Regulations.

33 The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may adopt
 34 reasonable regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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 36 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 6. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.