

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1453

5 By: Representative Key
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE STREET ROD SPECIAL LICENSE
10 PLATE LAW TO THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ACT OF
11 2005; TO MODIFY THE LAW AS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF
12 INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENTS AND THE GROWING POPULARITY
13 OF STREET RODS AND CUSTOM VEHICLES; TO REPEAL THE
14 LAW REGARDING STREET RODS UNDER ARKANSAS CODE §
15 27-15-4003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 TO TRANSFER THE STREET ROD SPECIAL
18 LICENSE PLATE LAW TO THE SPECIAL LICENSE
19 PLATE ACT OF 2005 AND MODIFY THE LAW
20 BECAUSE OF INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT AND
21 RISING POPULARITY OF STREET RODS AND
22 CUSTOM VEHICLES.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, is amended to add an
29 additional subchapter to read as follows:

30 27-24-1501. Purpose.

31 The purpose of this subchapter is to:

32 (1) Continue the street rod special license plates that existed
33 before the effective date of this act; and

34 (2) Make modifications that are necessary to the law because of
35 industry advancements and the growing popularity of street rods.
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1 27-24-1502. Definitions.

2 As used in this subchapter:

3 (1) "Blue dot tail light" means a red lamp installed in the rear
4 of a motor vehicle containing a blue or purple insert that is not more
5 than one inch (1") in diameter.

6 (2) "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

7 (A)(i) Is at least 25 years old and of a model year after
8 1948; or

9 (ii) Was manufactured to resemble a vehicle 25 or
10 more years old and of a model year after 1948; and

11 (B)(i) Has been altered from the manufacturers original
12 design; or

13 (ii) Has a body constructed from non-original
14 materials.

15 (3) "Street rod" means a motor vehicle that:

16 (A) Is a 1948 or older vehicle or the vehicle was
17 manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and

18 (B) Has been altered from the manufacturer's original
19 design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials; and

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21 27-24-1503. Application — Issuance — Renewal — Replacement.

22 (a)(1) The owner of a street rod or a custom vehicle who is a resident
23 of the State of Arkansas may apply for and annually renew a special license
24 plate or a special license plate that bears a decal that is issued under this
25 subchapter.

26 (2) The application for registration of a street rod or a custom
27 vehicle under this subchapter shall include an affidavit to be completed by
28 the owner of the vehicle which states that the vehicle:

29 (A) Will be maintained for occasional transportation,
30 exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, or similar uses; and

31 (B) Will not be used for general daily transportation.

32 (b)(1) An applicant for a special license plate or for a special
33 license plate that bears a decal under this subchapter shall remit to the
34 office payment of a one-time initial fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each
35 vehicle.

36 (2) An applicant for renewal of a special license plate issued

1 under § 27-15-4003 shall not be required to resubmit this initial fee.

2 (c) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall furnish to the owner of a street
3 rod or custom vehicle who complies with the requirements of subsections (a)
4 and (b) of this section a special license plate or special license plate that
5 bears a decal to be displayed on the street rod or custom vehicle in lieu of
6 the usual license plate.

7 (d) To renew a special license plate or a special license plate that
8 bears a decal issued under this subchapter or under prior law, the owner of
9 the motor vehicle shall remit an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

10 (e) To replace a special license plate or a special license plate that
11 bears a decal issued under this subchapter, the owner of the street rod or
12 custom vehicle shall remit to the office a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) if the
13 registration has not expired; or

14 (2) The owner of the street rod or custom vehicle shall remit to
15 the office the fees stated in subsection (d) of this section if the
16 registration has expired.

17 (f)(1) The fee remitted to the office under subdivision (e) of this
18 section shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the
19 benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
20 Administration.

21 (2) The fee shall be credited as supplemental and in addition to
22 all other funds deposited for the benefit of the division.

23 (3) The fee shall not be considered or credited to the division
24 as direct revenue.

25 (g) The registration of a special license plate or a special license
26 plate that bears a decal issued under this subchapter may:

27 (1) Continue from year to year as long as it is renewed each
28 year within the time and manner required by law; and

29 (2) Be renewed as provided under §§ 27-14-1012 and 27-14-1013.

30 (h) A street rod or custom vehicle shall not be eligible for any other
31 licensing of a motor vehicle except as provided in this subchapter.

32 (i) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall consult with the street rod
33 community and custom vehicle community in the state before changing the
34 design of the special license plate or special license plate decal issued
35 under this subchapter.

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1 27-24-1504. Titling.

2 (a) The model year and the year of manufacture that are listed on the
 3 certificate of title of a street rod or custom vehicle shall be the model
 4 year and year of manufacture that the body of the street rod or custom
 5 vehicle resembles.

6 (b) If a street rod or custom vehicle is a replica or reproduction of
 7 an original production vehicle, the certificate of title shall include the
 8 term "Replica" in the remarks section.

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 10 27-24-1505. Equipment.

11 (a)(1) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required
 12 by the law of this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the
 13 year of manufacture on the certificate of title, the presence of any specific
 14 equipment, including without limitation emission controls, is not required
 15 for the operation of a vehicle registered under this subchapter.

16 (b) A street rod or custom vehicle may use blue dot tail lights for
 17 stop lamps, rear turning indicator lamps, rear hazard lamps, and rear
 18 reflectors.

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 20 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-15-4003 is repealed.

21 ~~27-15-4003. Street rods.~~

22 ~~(a) Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise~~
 23 ~~requires:~~

24 ~~(1) "Office" means the Office of Motor Vehicle; and~~

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

31 ~~(b) Registration Fee.~~

32 ~~(1)(A) Any person who is the owner of a motor vehicle qualified~~
 33 ~~as a 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~~
 36 ~~(\$25.00), and be furnished a license plate of distinctive design to be~~

1 ~~displayed on each vehicle in lieu of the usual license plates.~~

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

4 ~~(C) The special license plate shall bear the inscription~~
5 ~~"Street Rod — Arkansas" and shall have displayed on it the number assigned to~~
6 ~~the vehicle by the office.~~

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

9 ~~(2) Application for these plates shall be made to the office on~~
10 ~~special application forms prescribed by the Director of the Department of~~
11 ~~Finance and Administration.~~

12 ~~(3) Each person applying for a plate under this section must own~~
13 ~~and have registered one (1) or more vehicles with regular plates which he or~~
14 ~~she uses for regular transportation.~~

15 ~~(c) Affidavit — Vehicle safety equipment required.~~

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

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

30 ~~(d) Regulations. The director may adopt reasonable regulations~~
31 ~~necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.~~

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33 /s/ Key
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