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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANTIQUE MOTOR
15 VEHICLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2201(2)(A) and (B), concerning the
22 definition of "historic or special interest vehicle", are amended to read as
23 follows:

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

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

- 31 (i) ~~antique,~~ Antique;
32 (ii) ~~horseless~~ Horseless carriage;
33 (iii) ~~classic,~~ Classic; or
34 (iv) ~~action-era~~ Muscle car era.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2202(a), concerning registration fees



1 for a historic or special interest vehicle, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

19 (4) The registration shall be valid while the historic or
 20 special interest vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any
 21 additional fee, tax, or license if the owner provides the Department of
 22 Finance and Administration yearly proof of current insurance coverage on the
 23 historic or special interest vehicle as required under § 27-22-101 et seq.

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

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

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

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

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

6 (f) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2006, each~~ Each collector applying for a
 7 license plate under this subchapter shall:

8 (1) ~~own~~ Own and have registered one (1) or more motor vehicles
 9 that he or she uses for regular transportation; and

10 (2) Provide the office proof of ownership and registration as
 11 required under subdivision (f)(1) of this section.

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

15 (1) Is approved for issuance under subsection (e) of this
 16 section for a historic or special interest vehicle as defined ~~under~~ in § 27-
 17 15-2201 that is more than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty-five (45) years of age
 18 instead of the special license plate issued under § 27-15-2202; and

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 20 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-15-2209, concerning alternative license
 21 plates for antique motor vehicles, is amended to add additional subsections
 22 to read as follows:

23 (f) Collectors who, on or before the effective date of this act, have
 24 vehicles licensed as historic or special interest vehicles under current
 25 statutes shall not be required to register these vehicles or obtain new
 26 license plates for these vehicles.

27 (g) Each collector applying for a license plate under this subchapter
 28 shall:

29 (1) Own and have registered one (1) or more motor vehicles that
 30 he or she uses for regular transportation; and

31 (2) Provide the office proof of ownership and registration as
 32 required under subdivision (g)(1) of this section.