

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to former military vehicles; amending s.
3 316.2952, F.S.; defining "former military vehicle";
4 exempting such vehicles from certain windshield
5 requirements; requiring eye-protective devices while such
6 vehicle is in operation; providing penalties for
7 violation; amending s. 316.605, F.S.; exempting certain
8 former military vehicles from license plate display
9 requirements; amending s. 320.086, F.S.; providing for
10 issuance of special license plates for certain former
11 military vehicles; exempting certain former military
12 vehicles from license plate display requirements;
13 requiring the plate and registration certificate to be in
14 the vehicle and available for inspection; defining "former
15 military vehicle"; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 316.2952, Florida
20 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
21 (6) is added to said section, to read:

22 316.2952 Windshields; requirements; restrictions.--

23 (6) A former military vehicle is exempt from the
24 requirements of this section if the department determines that
25 the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle's accurate
26 military design and markings. However, whenever the vehicle is
27 operating on the public roads and highways, the operator and
28 passengers must wear eye-protective devices approved by the

29 department. For purposes of this subsection, "former military
30 vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the
31 vehicle's size, weight, or year of manufacture, that was
32 manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is
33 maintained to represent its military design and markings
34 accurately.

35 ~~(7)(6)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal
36 traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as
37 provided in chapter 318.

38 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.605, Florida
39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 316.605 Licensing of vehicles.--

41 (1) Every vehicle, at all times while driven, stopped, or
42 parked upon any highways, roads, or streets of this state, shall
43 be licensed in the name of the owner thereof in accordance with
44 the laws of this state unless such vehicle is not required by
45 the laws of this state to be licensed in this state and shall,
46 except as otherwise provided in s. 320.0706 for front-end
47 registration license plates on truck tractors and s. 320.086(5)
48 which exempts display of license plates on described former
49 military vehicles, display the license plate or both of the
50 license plates assigned to it by the state, one on the rear and,
51 if two, the other on the front of the vehicle, each to be
52 securely fastened to the vehicle outside the main body of the
53 vehicle in such manner as to prevent the plates from swinging,
54 with all letters, numerals, printing, writing, and other
55 identification marks upon the plates clear and distinct and free
56 from defacement, mutilation, grease, and other obscuring matter,

57 | so that they will be plainly visible and legible at all times
58 | 100 feet from the rear or front. Nothing shall be placed upon
59 | the face of a Florida plate except as permitted by law or by
60 | rule or regulation of a governmental agency. No license plates
61 | other than those furnished by the state shall be used. However,
62 | if the vehicle is not required to be licensed in this state, the
63 | license plates on such vehicle issued by another state, by a
64 | territory, possession, or district of the United States, or by a
65 | foreign country, substantially complying with the provisions
66 | hereof, shall be considered as complying with this chapter. A
67 | violation of this subsection is a noncriminal traffic
68 | infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in
69 | chapter 318.

70 | Section 3. Section 320.086, Florida Statutes, is amended
71 | to read:

72 | 320.086 Ancient or antique motor vehicles; ~~"horseless~~
73 | carriage," antique, or historical license plates; former
74 | military vehicles.--

75 | (1) The owner of a motor vehicle for private use
76 | manufactured in 1945 or earlier, equipped with an engine
77 | manufactured in 1945 or earlier or manufactured to the
78 | specifications of the original engine, and operated on the
79 | streets and highways of this state shall, upon application in
80 | the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon
81 | payment of the license tax for an ancient motor vehicle
82 | prescribed by s. 320.08(1)(d), (2)(a), or (3)(e), be issued a
83 | special license plate for such motor vehicle. The license plate
84 | shall be permanent and valid for use without renewal so long as

85 the vehicle is in existence. In addition to the payment of all
86 other fees required by law, the applicant shall pay such fee for
87 the issuance of the special license plate as may be prescribed
88 by the department commensurate with the cost of its manufacture.
89 The registration numbers and special license plates assigned to
90 such motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series,
91 commencing with "Horseless Carriage No. 1," and the plates shall
92 be of a distinguishing color.

93 (2) (a) The owner of a motor vehicle for private use
94 manufactured after 1945 and of the age of 30 years or more after
95 the date of manufacture, equipped with an engine of the age of
96 30 years or more after the date of manufacture, and operated on
97 the streets and highways of this state may, upon application in
98 the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon
99 payment of the license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(1)(d),
100 (2) (a), or (3) (e), be issued a special license plate for such
101 motor vehicle. In addition to the payment of all other fees
102 required by law, the applicant shall pay the fee for the
103 issuance of the special license plate prescribed by the
104 department, commensurate with the cost of its manufacture. The
105 registration numbers and special license plates assigned to such
106 motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series,
107 commencing with "Antique No. 1," and the plates shall be of a
108 distinguishing color. The owner of the motor vehicle may, upon
109 application and payment of the license tax prescribed by s.
110 320.08, be issued a regular Florida license plate or specialty
111 license plate in lieu of the special "Antique" license plate.

112 (b) Motor vehicles licensed under this section which have
113 been issued a permanent license plate prior to October 1, 1999,
114 shall maintain such plate unless the vehicle is transferred to a
115 new owner. Motor vehicles licensed under this section which have
116 been issued a "Collectible" license plate prior to October 1,
117 1999, may retain that license plate until the next regularly
118 scheduled replacement.

119 (3) The owner of an ancient or antique firefighting
120 apparatus, former military vehicle, or other historical motor
121 vehicle ~~or trailer identifiable as a military trailer~~ 30 years
122 old or older which is used only in exhibitions, parades, or
123 public display, may, upon application in the manner and at the
124 time prescribed by the department and upon payment of the
125 license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(2)(a), be issued a license
126 plate as prescribed in subsection (1) or subsection (2). License
127 plates issued under this subsection shall be permanent and valid
128 for use without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence
129 and its use is consistent with this subsection.

130 (4) Any person who is the registered owner of a motor
131 vehicle as defined in this section and manufactured in the model
132 year 1974 or earlier, may apply to the department for permission
133 to use a historical Florida license plate that clearly
134 represents the model year of the vehicle as a personalized
135 prestige license plate. This plate shall be furnished by such
136 person and shall be presented to the department with a
137 reasonable fee to be determined by the department for approval
138 and for authentication that the historic license plate and any
139 applicable decals were issued by this state in the same year as

140 the model year of the car or truck. The requirements of s.
141 320.0805(8)(b) do not apply to historical plates authorized
142 under this subsection.

143 (5) A former military vehicle that is used only in
144 exhibitions, parades, or public display is exempt from the
145 requirement to display a license plate or registration insignia
146 if the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle's accurate
147 military markings. However, the license plate and registration
148 certificate issued under this section must be carried within the
149 vehicle and available for inspection by any law enforcement
150 officer.

151 (6) For purposes of this section, "former military
152 vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the
153 vehicle's size, weight, or year of manufacture, that was
154 manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is
155 maintained to represent its military design and markings
156 accurately.

157 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.