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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s.  
320.0863, F.S.; providing definitions;  
providing for the registration of custom  
vehicles and street rods; providing  
registration and equipment requirements for  
such vehicles; exempting such vehicles from  
certain equipment and inspection requirements;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 320.0863, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See s. 320.0863, F.S., for present text.)

320.0863 Custom vehicles and street rods; registration and license plates.--

(1) As used in this section, the term:

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

(b) "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

1. Is 25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948 or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is 25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948; and

2. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

(c) "Street rod" means a motor vehicle that:

1           1. Is of a model year of 1948 or older or was  
2 manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year  
3 of 1948 or older; and

4           2. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original  
5 design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

6           (2) The model year and year of manufacture which the  
7 body of a custom vehicle or street rod resembles is the model  
8 year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of  
9 title, regardless of when the vehicle was actually  
10 manufactured.

11           (3) To register a street rod or custom vehicle, the  
12 owner shall apply to the department by submitting a completed  
13 application form and providing:

14           (a) The license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(2)(a) and  
15 a processing fee of \$3;

16           (b) A written statement that the vehicle will not be  
17 used for general daily transportation but will be maintained  
18 for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities,  
19 parades, tours, or other functions of public interest and  
20 similar uses; and

21           (c) Written proof that the vehicle meets state  
22 equipment and safety requirements for motor vehicles. However,  
23 the vehicle must meet only the requirements that were in  
24 effect in this state as a condition of sale in the year listed  
25 as the model year on the certificate of title.

26           (4) The registration numbers and special license  
27 plates assigned to such vehicles shall run in a separate  
28 series, commencing with "Custom Vehicle 1" or "Street Rod 1,"  
29 respectively, and the plates shall be of a distinguishing  
30 color and design.

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