

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

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

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

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

15 320.0863 Custom vehicles and street rods; registration and
 16 license plates.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 1. Is of a model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured

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29 after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or
30 older; and

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

33 (2) (a) The model year and year of manufacture which the
34 body of a custom vehicle or street rod resembles is the model
35 year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title,
36 regardless of when the vehicle was actually manufactured.

37 (b) The model year and year of manufacture on the
38 certificate of title shall include the capital letter "R"
39 following the year to indicate that the vehicle is a
40 reproduction or complete rebuild.

41 (3) To register a street rod or custom vehicle, the owner
42 shall apply to the department by submitting a completed
43 application form and provide the following:

44 (a) The license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(2) (a) and a
45 processing fee of \$3.

46 (b) A written statement that the vehicle will not be used
47 for general daily transportation but will be maintained for
48 occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities,
49 parades, tours, or other functions of public interest and
50 similar uses.

51 (c) Written proof that the vehicle meets state equipment
52 and safety requirements for motor vehicles. However, the vehicle
53 must meet only the requirements that were in effect in this
54 state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the model
55 year on the certificate of title.

56 (4) The registration numbers and special license plates

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57 assigned to vehicles under this section shall run in a separate
58 series, commencing with "Custom Vehicle 1" or "Street Rod 1,"
59 respectively, and the plates shall be of a distinguishing color
60 and design.

61 (5) (a) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt
62 from any law or local ordinance relating to the use and
63 inspection of emission controls. The exemption under this
64 paragraph does not apply to any periodic or other inspection
65 relating to safety equipment or fitness for operation on public
66 roadways; however, any such inspection shall be limited to
67 equipment required to be fitted on the vehicle in the model year
68 listed on the certificate of title.

69 (b) A vehicle registered under this section may also be
70 equipped with blue dot tail lights for stop lamps, rear turning
71 indicator lamps, rear hazard lamps, and rear reflectors.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.