

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for antique and classic motor
3 vehicles; and providing for collector motor vehicles.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definitions of "antique motor vehicle" and
7 "classic motor vehicle" in section 102 of Title 75 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section
9 is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

11 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
12 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
13 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
14 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
15 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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17 "Antique motor vehicle." A motor vehicle, but not a
18 reproduction thereof, manufactured more than 25 years prior to

1 the current year which has been maintained in or restored to a
2 condition which is substantially in conformance with
3 manufacturer specifications and appearance.

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5 "Classic motor vehicle." A [self-propelled] motor vehicle,
6 but not a reproduction thereof, [manufactured more than ten
7 years prior to the current year and, because of discontinued
8 production and limited availability, determined by the
9 department to be a model or make of significant value to
10 collectors or exhibitors and] which is included on the list of
11 milestone or classic cars published by the Milestone Car Society
12 or the Classic Car Club of America and has been maintained in or
13 restored to a condition which is substantially in conformity
14 with manufacturer specifications and appearance. Any classic
15 motor vehicle registered under section 1340 (relating to antique
16 and classic plates) which no longer qualifies as a classic motor
17 vehicle under these provisions may retain a classic registration
18 as of the effective date of this act unless another type of
19 registration is applied for and issued for the vehicle.

20 "Collector motor vehicle." A motor vehicle, but not a
21 reproduction thereof, manufactured more than ten years prior to
22 the current year, which has been maintained in or restored to a
23 condition which is substantially in conformity with manufacturer
24 specifications and appearance.

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26 Section 2. Section 1340 of Title 75 is amended to read:

27 § 1340. Antique and classic plates.

28 (a) General rule.--Upon submission by a vehicle owner of
29 information satisfactory to the department that a motor vehicle
30 is an antique motor vehicle or classic motor vehicle,

1 accompanied by the appropriate fee, the department may issue
2 special plates for the vehicle. [No annual registration fee may
3 be charged for antique or classic motor vehicles.]

4 (b) Use of plates.--It is unlawful for any person to operate
5 a vehicle with antique or classic registration plates for
6 general daily transportation. Permitted use shall be limited to
7 participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades,
8 occasional transportation and similar uses. Occasional
9 transportation shall mean no more than one day per week.

10 (c) Additional provisions.--

11 (1) Antique vehicles and classic vehicles are exempt
12 from Chapter 43 (relating to lighting equipment) and
13 Subchapter A of Chapter 47 (relating to inspection
14 requirements).

15 (2) Any registered antique vehicle or classic vehicle
16 may bear an original Pennsylvania registration plate of the
17 year of issue corresponding to the year of manufacture of the
18 registered vehicle. A clear photograph of the plate must be
19 submitted together with the application for registration. The
20 registered plate must remain in the vehicle at all times.

21 Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

22 § 1348. Collector plate.

23 Upon submission by a vehicle owner of information
24 satisfactory to the department that a motor vehicle is a
25 collector motor vehicle, accompanied by the appropriate fee, the
26 department may issue a special collector plate for the vehicle,
27 which shall have the same force and effect as a regular
28 registration plate.

29 § 1933. Collector motor vehicles.

30 The fee for issuance of a collector motor vehicle plate shall

1 be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee
2 appropriate for the vehicle type. The issuance fee shall be
3 charged for each collector vehicle registration plate issued or
4 replaced.

5 Section 4. Section 4703(b)(10) of Title 75 is amended to
6 read:

7 § 4703. Operation of vehicle without official certificate of
8 inspection.

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10 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) does not apply to:

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12 (10) Antique and classic vehicles.

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14 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.