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AN ACT

To repeal section 301.132, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to vehicle registration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 301.132, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.132, to read as follows:

301.132. 1. [Any motor vehicle manufactured in 1948 or before which is modified for safe road use, including but not limited to modifications to the drive train, suspension, brake system, and any safety or comfort apparatus and which is not owned solely as a collector's item and which is not used or intended to be used solely for exhibition and educational purposes only, may be specially registered as a "street rod" upon payment of an annual fee equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates in section 301.144 in addition to the regular annual registration fees. Upon the transfer of the title to any such vehicle the registration shall be canceled and the license plates issued therefor shall be returned to the director of revenue.

2. The owner of any such vehicle shall file an application in a form prescribed by the director, verified by affidavit, providing that such vehicle meets the requirements which shall be issued by the director for classification as a "street rod", and a certificate of registration shall be issued therefor.

3. The director shall issue to the owner of any motor vehicle registered under this section two license plates containing the number assigned to the registration certificate issued by the director of revenue, and the following words: "Street Rod", "State of Missouri". Such license plates shall be kept securely attached to the motor vehicle registered hereunder. The advisory

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the characteristic features of such license plates for vehicles registered under the provisions of this section so that they may be recognized as such, except that such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

4. Motor vehicles registered under this section are subject to the motor vehicle safety inspection requirements of sections 307.350 to 307.390, RSMo.] **For purposes of this section, "street rod" is a vehicle older than 1949 or a vehicle manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.**

2. The model year and the year of manufacture that are listed on the certificate of title of a street rod vehicle shall be the model year and year of manufacture that the body of such vehicle resembles.

3. For each street rod, there shall be a one-time registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

4. In applying for registration of a street rod pursuant to this section, the owner of the street rod shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

(1) Will be maintained for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar uses;

(2) Will not be used for general daily transportation.

5. In addition to the certification required pursuant to subsection 4 of this section, when applying for registration of a street rod, the new owner of the street rod shall provide proof that the street rod passed a safety inspection that shall be approved by the department of public safety in consultation with the street rod community in this state.

6. On registration of a vehicle pursuant to this section, the director of the department of revenue shall issue to the owner two license plates containing the number assigned to the registration certificate issued by the director of revenue, and the following words: "Street Rod", "State of Missouri". Such license plates shall be kept securely attached to the motor vehicle registered pursuant to this section. The advisory committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the characteristic features of such license plates for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of this section so that they may be recognized as such, except that such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

7. Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the year of manufacture on the certificate of title, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered pursuant to this section.

8. Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, a vehicle registered pursuant to this section is exempt from any statute of this state that requires periodic vehicle inspections and from any statute of this state that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.

9. A custom vehicle means any motor vehicle that:

(1) Is at least twenty-five years old and of a model year after 1948, or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle twenty-five 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.

10. The model year and the year of manufacture that are listed on the certificate of title of a custom vehicle shall be the model year and year of manufacture that the body of such vehicle resembles.

11. For each custom vehicle, there shall be a one-time registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

12. In applying for registration of a custom vehicle pursuant to this section, the owner of the custom vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

(1) Will be maintained for occasional transportation, exhibits, club activities, parades, tours, and similar uses; and

(2) Will not be used for general daily transportation.

13. In addition to the certification required pursuant to subsection 12 of this section, when applying for registration of a custom vehicle, the new owner of the custom vehicle shall provide proof that the custom vehicle passed a safety inspection that shall be approved by the department of public safety in consultation with the custom vehicle community in this state.

14. On registration of a vehicle pursuant to this section, the director of the department of revenue shall issue to the owner two license plates containing the number assigned to the registration certificate issued by the director of revenue, and the following words: "Custom Vehicle", "State of Missouri". Such license plates shall be kept securely attached to the motor vehicle registered hereunder. The advisory committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the characteristic features of such license plates for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of this section

so that they may be recognized as such, except that such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

15. Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the year of manufacture on the certificate of title, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered pursuant to this section.

16. Except as provided in subsection 12 of this section, a vehicle registered pursuant to this section is exempt from any statute of this state that requires periodic vehicle inspections and from any statute of this state that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.

17. For purposes of this section, "blue dot tail light" is a red lamp installed in the rear of a motor vehicle containing a blue or purple insert that is not more than one inch in diameter.

18. A street rod or custom vehicle may use blue dot tail lights for stop lamps, rear turning indicator lamps, rear hazard lamps, and rear reflectors.

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