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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to street rods and custom vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1834) of Anne M. Gobi and James R. Miceli for legislation relative to street rods and custom vehicles. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to street rods and custom vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2H and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 2H. (a) For purposes of this section, and sections 7DD and 33, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Custom vehicle", a motor vehicle (1) for which the year of manufacture is after 1948 and (a) for which the model year is at least 25 years old, or (b) which was manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle for which the model year is at least 25 years old, and (2) (a) which had been altered from the manufacturer's original design, or (b) which has a body constructed from non-original materials.

"Model year", the model year indicated on a motor vehicle's certificate of origin or title, if there is no such certificate, the model year the body of such vehicle resembles.

12 “Street rod”, a motor vehicle (1) (a) for which the year of manufacture is prior to 1949, or
13 (b) for which the year of manufacture is later than 1949 and which was manufactured to
14 resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949, and (2) (a) which has been altered from the
15 manufacturer’s original design, or (b) which has a body constructed from non-original materials.

16 “Year of manufacture”, the model year indicated on a motor vehicle’s certificate of origin
17 or title or, if there is no such certificate, the model year the body of such vehicle resembles.

18 (b) The issuance of certificates of registration and number plates for street rods and
19 custom vehicles shall be in accordance with this section.

20 (c) Applications for the registration of a street rod or custom vehicle shall be made by the
21 owner thereof. The application shall contain, without limitation:, the name, address, and date of
22 birth of the applicant; the number of the applicant’s license to operate, if one has been issued; a
23 brief description of the street rod or custom vehicle, including the name of the maker, such
24 number or numbers as may be required by the registrar to properly identify the vehicle, the
25 character of the motor power and the type of transmission a statement by the applicant, under the
26 pains and penalties of perjury that (1) there are no outstanding excise tax liabilities on said motor
27 vehicle which have been incurred by the applicant, any member of his immediate family who is a
28 member of the applicant’s household, or any business partner of the applicant, (2) the motor
29 vehicle shall be maintained for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades,
30 tours and similar uses, and (3) the motor vehicle shall not be used for general daily
31 transportation.

32 The application shall be accompanied by a certificate that the street rod or custom vehicle
33 has passed a safety inspection approved by the registrar. The registrar shall register in a book, or

34 upon suitable index cards to be kept for the purpose, the motor vehicle described in the
35 application, giving to the vehicle a distinguishing mark or number to be known as the register
36 number for that vehicle, and shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration.
37 The certificate shall contain the name and address of the applicant and the register number or
38 mark, and shall be in such form and contain such further information as the registrar may
39 determine. The original Vehicle Identification Number of the vehicle shall remain the same.

40 (d) Street rods and custom vehicles registered pursuant to this section shall be exempt
41 from section 142M of chapter 111.

42 (e) The presence of any specific equipment shall not be required for the operation of a
43 street rod or custom vehicle registered under this section, unless the presence of such equipment
44 was specifically required by another provision of the General Laws as a condition of sale in the
45 year of manufacture.

46 SECTION 2. Said chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting
47 after section 7CC the following section:-

48 Section 7DD. Notwithstanding sections 7 and 7E of this chapter and any other general or
49 special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, street rods and custom vehicles may use blue dot
50 tail lights for stop lamps, rear turning indicator lamps, rear hazard lamps and rear reflectors. For
51 the purposes of this section, a "blue dot tail lamp" shall mean a red lamp installed in the rear of a
52 motor vehicle containing a blue or purple insert that is not more than 1 inch in diameter.

53 SECTION 3. Section 33 of said chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
54 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following clause:-

55 (38) For the registration of every street rod or custom vehicle, as defined in section 2H.