

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4557**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act relative to the registration and inspection of 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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 2F, the following section:-

3 Section 2G. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
4 contrary, the issuance of certificates of registration and number plates for street rods, replicas,  
5 specially constructed and custom vehicles shall be in accordance with this section.

6 (b) For purposes of this section, and sections 7DD and 33 of this chapter, the following  
7 words shall have the following meanings:

8 "Custom Vehicle," a motor vehicle for which the year of manufacture is after 1948 and  
9 for which the model year is at least 25 years old and which has been altered from the  
10 manufacturers original design, or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

11 "Replica Vehicle," a motor vehicle constructed or assembled by a non-manufacturer from  
12 new or used parts that when assembled replicates an earlier year, make and model vehicle.

13           “Specially Constructed Vehicle,” a motor vehicle reconstructed or assembled by a non-  
14 manufacturer from new or used parts that has an exterior that does not replicate or resemble any  
15 other manufactured vehicle.

16           “Street Rod,” a motor vehicle for which the year of manufacture is prior to 1949, and  
17 which has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design, or has a body constructed from  
18 non-original materials.

19           (c) Replica vehicles shall be titled as the year, make, and model of the vehicle intended to  
20 be replicated. A label of "Replica" shall be applied to the title and registration card. The model  
21 year of a custom vehicle and street rod vehicle shall continue to be recognized as the  
22 manufacturer's assigned model year. The manufacturer's name shall continue to be used as the  
23 make with a label of "Street Rod" or “Custom Vehicle” applied to the title and registration card.  
24 Specially constructed vehicles shall be titled and registered showing the make as "Specially  
25 Constructed," and the year the vehicle was built shall be the vehicle model year.

26           (d) Applications for the registration of a street rod, replica, specially constructed or  
27 custom vehicle shall be made by the owner thereof. The application shall contain, in addition to  
28 such other particulars as may be required by the registrar, a statement of the name, place of  
29 residence and address, date of birth of the applicant and the number of the applicant’s license to  
30 operate, if one has been issued. The application shall also contain the apartment number of unit  
31 number if the applicant’s address is in an apartment house, or family hotel, or a condominium, or  
32 a residential flat, or in a combined business and residential property. The application shall also  
33 contain a brief description of the street rod, replica, specially constructed or custom vehicle,  
34 including the name of the maker, such number or numbers as may be required by the registrar to

35 properly identify the vehicle, the character of the motor power and the type of transmission. The  
36 application also shall contain a statement by the applicant under the penalties of perjury that (1)  
37 there are no outstanding excise tax liabilities on said motor vehicle which have been incurred by  
38 the applicant, any member of his immediate family who is a member of the applicant's  
39 household, or any business partner of the applicant, (2) the motor vehicle shall be maintained for  
40 occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours and similar uses, and (3) the  
41 motor vehicle will not be used for general daily transportation. The application shall be  
42 accompanied by a certificate, in such form as might be acceptable to the registrar, that the street  
43 rod, replica, specially constructed or custom vehicle has passed a safety inspection approved by  
44 the registrar. Applicants for registration shall also comply with the provisions of chapter 90D.  
45 The registrar or his duly authorized agent shall register in a book or upon suitable index cards to  
46 be kept for the purpose the motor vehicle described in the application, giving to the vehicle a  
47 distinguishing mark or number to be known as the register number for that vehicle, and shall  
48 thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration. The certificate shall contain the  
49 name, place of residence and address of the applicant and the register number or mark, and shall  
50 be in such form and contain such further information as the registrar may determine.

51 (e) Street rods and custom vehicles registered pursuant to this section shall be exempt  
52 from section 142M of chapter 111 or the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto. Specially  
53 constructed vehicles and replica vehicles registered on or prior to June 30, 2011 shall be exempt  
54 from Section 142M of Chapter 111 or the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto. Specially  
55 constructed vehicles and replica vehicles registered after June 30, 2011 shall be subject to the  
56 emission control requirements based on the model year and configuration of the engine installed  
57 in the vehicle or contain a rebuilt or aftermarket crate engine together with related powertrain

58 components designed to meet emission requirements applicable to non-exempted specially  
59 constructed vehicles in California.

60 SECTION 2. Section 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
61 amended by adding the following paragraph:

62 (37) For the registration of every street rod, replica, reconstructed or custom vehicle, as  
63 defined in section 2G of this chapter.