

SENATE No. 2084

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:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2020</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2084) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to street rods and custom vehicles. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2148 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2H of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (b) The registrar shall issue certificates of registration and number plates for street rods,
5 replica vehicles, specially-constructed vehicles and custom vehicles in accordance with this
6 section. The registrar may assign an appropriate registration plate to a replica vehicle or
7 specially-constructed vehicle based upon the vehicle's intended use and the registration
8 requirements under 540 CMR 2.05.

9 SECTION 2. Said section 2H of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is further amended by
10 striking out, in line 37, the words “in which the vehicle was built” and inserting in place thereof
11 the following words:- of manufacture.

12 SECTION 3. Section 2I of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

14 (a) The registrar, prior to the initial registration of a replica vehicle or specially-
15 constructed vehicle, may require such vehicle to undergo a salvage-type inspection at a facility to
16 be determined by the registrar to ensure that stolen parts have not been included in the vehicle.

17 SECTION 4. Said section 2I of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is further amended by
18 striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

19 (b) The registrar, prior to the initial registration of a replica vehicle or specially-
20 constructed vehicle, may require such vehicle to obtain a state-assigned vehicle identification
21 number, unless the registrar is satisfied that there is a clearly visible state-assigned vehicle
22 identification number that was previously assigned by the commonwealth or another state.

23 SECTION 5. Said chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting
24 after section 7CC the following section:-

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