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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; modifying certain authority to operate collector's  
1.3 vehicles; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections  
1.4 168.10, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1d, 1h, by adding a subdivision; 168.105, subdivisions  
1.5 1, 2; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.10, subdivision 1c.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.10, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. **Collector's vehicle, pioneer plate.** (a) Any motor vehicle that: (1) was  
1.9 manufactured prior to 1936 or is a restored pioneer vehicle, as defined in section 168A.01,  
1.10 subdivision 16d; and (2) is owned and operated solely as a collector's item, ~~shall be listed~~  
1.11 ~~for taxation and registration~~ must be registered as provided by paragraph (b).

1.12 (b) The vehicle owner must execute an affidavit ~~shall be executed~~ stating the name and  
1.13 address of the owner, the name and address of the ~~person from whom purchased~~ seller, the  
1.14 make of the motor vehicle, the year and number of the model, the manufacturer's  
1.15 identification number, and that the vehicle is owned and operated ~~solely as a collector's item~~  
1.16 ~~and not for general transportation purposes~~ as provided in subdivision 5.

1.17 (c) If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner  
1.18 pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee ~~authorized~~ specified under section 168.12, the commissioner  
1.19 ~~shall list such~~ must register the vehicle ~~for taxation and registration~~ and ~~shall~~ issue a single  
1.20 ~~number~~ license plate.

1.21 (e) (d) The ~~number~~ license plate ~~so~~ issued shall under this subdivision must bear the  
1.22 inscription "Pioneer," "Minnesota" and the registration number or other combination of  
1.23 characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The ~~number~~ plate

2.1 is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner  
 2.2 has the power to revoke ~~said~~ issuance of the plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.10, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 1b. **Collector's vehicle, classic car plate.** (a) Any motor vehicle manufactured  
 2.6 between and including the years 1925 and 1948, ~~and~~ designated as a full classic car because  
 2.7 of its fine design, high engineering standards, and superior workmanship, and owned and  
 2.8 operated solely as a collector's item ~~shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows;~~  
 2.9 must be registered as provided in paragraph (b).

2.10 (b) The vehicle owner must execute an affidavit ~~shall be executed~~ stating the name and  
 2.11 address of the owner, the name and address of the ~~person from whom purchased~~ seller, the  
 2.12 make of the motor vehicle, the year and number of the model, the manufacturer's  
 2.13 identification number, verification of the vehicle's full classic car status from nationally  
 2.14 published standards and guides as determined by the registrar, and that the vehicle is owned  
 2.15 and operated ~~solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes~~ as  
 2.16 provided in subdivision 5.

2.17 (c) If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and that the motor  
 2.18 vehicle qualifies to be classified as a classic car, and the owner pays a \$25 tax and the plate  
 2.19 fee ~~authorized~~ specified under section 168.12, the commissioner ~~shall list such~~ must register  
 2.20 the vehicle for taxation and registration and ~~shall~~ issue a single number license plate.

2.21 ~~(b)~~ (d) The number license plate ~~so~~ issued shall under this subdivision must bear the  
 2.22 inscription "Classic Car," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination  
 2.23 of characters authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The number  
 2.24 plate is valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The  
 2.25 commissioner has the power to revoke ~~said~~ issuance of the plate for failure to comply with  
 2.26 this subdivision.

2.27 ~~(e)~~ (e) No commercial vehicles such as hearses, ambulances, or trucks are considered  
 2.28 to be classic cars.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.10, subdivision 1c, is amended  
3.2 to read:

3.3 Subd. 1c. **Collector's vehicle, collector plate.** (a) As provided in paragraph (b), the  
3.4 owner of any self-propelled motor vehicle, including any truck, must register a vehicle that:

3.5 (1) ~~that~~ is (i) at least 20 model years old, or (ii) at least ten model years old and with a  
3.6 body or engine style of which not more than 500 were manufactured in or imported into  
3.7 the United States in any model year;<sub>2</sub>

3.8 (2) ~~that~~ was manufactured after 1935;<sub>2</sub> and

3.9 (3) ~~that~~ is owned and operated solely as a collector's vehicle, ~~shall list the vehicle for~~  
3.10 ~~taxation and registration as provided in paragraph (b).~~

3.11 (b) The vehicle owner ~~shall~~ must execute an affidavit stating (1) the name and address  
3.12 of the ~~person from whom purchased~~ seller and of the new owner, (2) the make of the motor  
3.13 vehicle, (3) the year and number of the model, (4) the manufacturer's identification number,  
3.14 (5) in the case of a vehicle described in paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii), that the vehicle  
3.15 has a body or engine style of which not more than 500 were manufactured or imported into  
3.16 the United States in any model year, and (6) that the vehicle is owned and operated ~~solely~~  
3.17 ~~as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes~~ as provided in subdivision  
3.18 5.

3.19 (e) The owner ~~shall~~ must provide a statement of the manufacturer or importer regarding  
3.20 the number of vehicles manufactured or imported during the model year.

3.21 (d) The owner ~~shall~~ must also prove that the owner also has one or more vehicles with  
3.22 regular license plates.

3.23 (e) (c) If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner  
3.24 pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee ~~authorized~~ specified under section 168.12, the commissioner  
3.25 ~~shall list~~ must register the vehicle ~~for taxation and registration~~ and ~~shall~~ issue a single ~~number~~  
3.26 license plate.

3.27 (f) (d) The ~~number~~ plate issued ~~shall~~ under this subdivision must bear the inscription  
3.28 "Collector," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination of characters  
3.29 authorized under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The ~~number~~ plate is valid  
3.30 without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has  
3.31 the power to revoke issuance of the plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

3.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.10, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

4.2 Subd. 1d. **Collector's vehicle, street rod plate.** (a) Any modernized motor vehicle  
 4.3 manufactured prior to the year 1949 or designed and manufactured to resemble such vehicle  
 4.4 ~~shall be listed for taxation and registration as follows:~~ must be registered as provided in  
 4.5 paragraph (b).

4.6 (b) The vehicle owner must execute an affidavit ~~shall be executed~~ stating the name and  
 4.7 address of the ~~person from whom purchased~~ seller and of the new owner, the make of the  
 4.8 motor vehicle, the year and number of the model, and the manufacturer's identification  
 4.9 number. The affidavit ~~shall~~ must further state that the vehicle is owned and operated ~~solely~~  
 4.10 ~~as a street rod and not for general transportation purposes~~ as provided in subdivision 5. The  
 4.11 owner must also prove that the owner has one or more vehicles with regular license plates.

4.12 (c) If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner  
 4.13 pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee ~~authorized~~ specified under section 168.12, the commissioner  
 4.14 ~~shall list such~~ must register the vehicle for taxation and registration and ~~shall~~ issue a single  
 4.15 ~~number~~ license plate.

4.16 (d) The ~~number~~ plate issued ~~shall~~ under this subdivision must bear the inscription "Street  
 4.17 Rod," "Minnesota," and the registration number or other combination of characters authorized  
 4.18 under section 168.12, subdivision 2a, but no date. The ~~number~~ plate is valid without renewal  
 4.19 as long as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner has the power to  
 4.20 revoke ~~such~~ issuance of the plate for failure to comply with this subdivision.

4.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.10, subdivision 1h, is amended to read:

4.23 Subd. 1h. **Collector military vehicle.** (a) A motor vehicle, including a truck, ~~shall~~ must  
 4.24 be listed and registered under this section if it meets the following conditions:

4.25 (1) it is at least 20 years old;

4.26 (2) its first owner following its manufacture was a branch of the armed forces of the  
 4.27 United States and it presently conforms to the vehicle specifications required during the  
 4.28 time of military ownership, or it has been restored and presently conforms to the  
 4.29 specifications required by a branch of the armed forces for the model year that the restored  
 4.30 vehicle could have been owned by that branch of the armed forces; and

4.31 (3) it is owned by a nonprofit organization and operated solely as a collector's vehicle.  
 4.32 For purposes of this subdivision, "nonprofit organization" means a corporation, society,

5.1 association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for historical or  
 5.2 educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of a private  
 5.3 individual.

5.4 (b) The owner of the vehicle ~~shall~~ must execute an affidavit stating: the name and address  
 5.5 of the ~~person from whom purchased~~ seller and of the new owner; the make, year, and model  
 5.6 number of the motor vehicle; the manufacturer's identification number; and the collector  
 5.7 military vehicle identification number, if any, located on the exterior of the vehicle. The  
 5.8 affidavit must affirm that the vehicle is owned by a nonprofit organization and is operated  
 5.9 ~~solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes~~ as provided in  
 5.10 subdivision 5.

5.11 (c) If the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct and the owner  
 5.12 pays a \$25 tax and the plate fee ~~authorized~~ specified under section 168.12, the commissioner  
 5.13 ~~shall list~~ must register the vehicle ~~for taxation and registration~~ and ~~shall~~ issue ~~number~~ license  
 5.14 plates. The ~~number~~ plates ~~shall~~ must bear the inscriptions "Collector" and "Minnesota" and  
 5.15 the registration number, but no date. The ~~number~~ plates are valid without renewal as long  
 5.16 as the vehicle is in existence in Minnesota. The commissioner may revoke issuance of the  
 5.17 plates for failure to comply with this subdivision.

5.18 ~~(e)~~ (d) Notwithstanding section 168.09, 168.12, or other law to the contrary, the owner  
 5.19 of a registered collector military vehicle is not required to display registration plates on the  
 5.20 exterior of the vehicle if the vehicle has an exterior number identification that conforms to  
 5.21 the identifying system for military vehicles in effect when the vehicle was last owned by  
 5.22 the branch of the armed forces of the United States or in effect in the year to which the  
 5.23 collector military vehicle has been restored. However, the state registration plates must be  
 5.24 carried in or on the collector military vehicle at all times.

5.25 ~~(d)~~ (e) The owner of a registered collector military vehicle that is not required to display  
 5.26 registration plates under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) may tow a registered trailer behind it. The trailer  
 5.27 is not required to display registration plates if the trailer:

5.28 (1) does not exceed a gross weight of 15,000 pounds;

5.29 (2) otherwise conforms to registration, licensing, and safety laws and specifications;

5.30 (3) conforms to military specifications for appearance and identification;

5.31 (4) is intended to represent and does represent a military trailer; and

5.32 (5) carries registration plates on or in the trailer or the collector military vehicle towing  
 5.33 the trailer.

6.1 ~~(e)~~ (f) This subdivision does not apply to a decommissioned military vehicle that (1)  
 6.2 was also manufactured and sold as a comparable civilian vehicle, and (2) has the same size  
 6.3 dimensions and vehicle weight as the comparable civilian vehicle. A decommissioned  
 6.4 military vehicle under this paragraph is eligible for a motor vehicle title under chapter 168A  
 6.5 and is subject to the same registration, insurance, equipment, and operating requirements  
 6.6 as a motor vehicle.

6.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 6.9 read:

6.10 **Subd. 5. Vehicle operation.** A person may operate a vehicle registered in the collector  
 6.11 class under subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, or 1h, or under section 168.105, solely as a collector's  
 6.12 item and not for general transportation purposes. Operation as a collector's item includes:  
 6.13 (1) transportation for a collector vehicle club activity, exhibition, tour, parade, or similar  
 6.14 use; and (2) operation on Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset.

6.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.105, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.17 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** ~~A~~ For purposes of this section, "classic motorcycle" is means  
 6.18 a motorcycle that is at least 20 years old, original in appearance, and owned solely as a  
 6.19 collector's item and used in a classic motorcycle club activity, exhibition, tour, parade, or  
 6.20 similar use. A classic motorcycle may not be used for general transportation purposes.

6.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.105, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6.23 Subd. 2. **Affidavit for registration and taxation.** (a) A classic motorcycle must be  
 6.24 taxed and registered by the vehicle owner submitting an affidavit to the commissioner  
 6.25 stating: (1) the name and address of the owner;₂ (2) the name and address of the ~~person from~~  
 6.26 ~~whom purchased,~~ seller; (3) the make of the classic motorcycle;₂ (4) the year and number  
 6.27 of the model;₂ (5) the manufacturer's vehicle identification number;₂ (6) that the motorcycle  
 6.28 is owned and operated ~~solely as a collector's item and will not be used for general~~  
 6.29 ~~transportation purposes,~~ as provided in section 168.10, subdivision 5; and (7) that the owner  
 6.30 has one or more motor vehicles with regular plates.

7.1 (b) When the commissioner is satisfied that the affidavit is true, correct, and complete  
7.2 and the owner has paid a \$10 registration tax, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must register the  
7.3 vehicle and issue special plates.

7.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.