

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act amends regulation of certain antique vehicles (those originally manufactured before 1919) that have been extensively restored, primarily to allow the vehicle to bear a special "pioneer" license plate, change the title application process, and modify information on a title issued for the vehicle.

- 1** **Collector's vehicle, pioneer plate.** Broadens eligibility for the special "pioneer" license plate, to include vehicles classified as a restored pioneer vehicle (a new category being established in the act). Makes technical changes.
- 2** **Reconstructed vehicle.** Makes a conforming change, to clarify definitions of vehicle types.
- 3** **Restored pioneer vehicle.** Defines "restored pioneer vehicle" in the chapter on vehicle titles. Among the requirements, the vehicle must have first been manufactured before 1919 and has to have been restored through necessary replacement or repair an essential part of the vehicle. Establishes that a vehicle meeting the definition of a "restored pioneer vehicle" is not considered a "reconstructed vehicle," which has the effect of preventing restored pioneer vehicles from being subject to regulations for reconstructed vehicles (including title branding).
- 4** **Certain unconventional vehicles; additional information; identifying number.** Adds restored pioneer vehicles to a provision on information required to provide with title applications to Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) in order to establish ownership of unconventional vehicles. Allows the owner of a restored pioneer vehicle to select an identifying number to be used for the vehicle, which must match a number located somewhere among the core vehicle parts. Provides for DVS to be able to require additional documentation concerning the vehicle.
- 5** **Content of certificate.** Amends the information that goes on a certificate of title issued for a restored pioneer vehicle, so that:
  - the unique identifying number on the title is the number specified by the vehicle owner in the title application;

- the year of manufacture of the vehicle is listed on the title as the year of original manufacture, rather than the year of title issuance following vehicle restoration; and
- the title is not branded as a "reconstructed vehicle."

- 6 Restored pioneer vehicle; replacement title.** Requires DVS to provide for reissuance of a title where the vehicle qualifies as a restored pioneer vehicle, which for instance allows for obtaining a title on a vehicle that had been issued a title with a "reconstructed vehicle" brand. Sets a fee as the same amount as the fee for a duplicate title.
- 7 Certain unconventional vehicles; requirements to obtain certificate.** Requires that a new certificate of title must be obtained for a vehicle that has been modified to become a restored pioneer vehicle.
- 8 Title branding.** Makes a conforming change.