

§457. Hobbyist registration plates

1. Hobbyist registration plates authorized. The Secretary of State may issue hobbyist registration plates for antique autos, custom vehicles, horseless carriages, street rods or antique motorcycles. These plates must bear the inscription "Maine" and the inscription "Antique Auto," "Custom Vehicle," "Horseless Carriage" or "Street Rod" or, for antique motorcycles, the inscription "Antique."

[PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. A, §2 (AMD).]

2. Existing number plates.

[PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. A, §3 (RP).]

3. Contemporary plates. An owner of an antique auto, horseless carriage, street rod or antique motorcycle may use registration plates that were issued in the same year the antique vehicle was manufactured, as long as the motor vehicle:

A. Is over 25 years old or in the case of an antique auto or antique motorcycle, is more than 35 years old or is more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique auto or antique motorcycle prior to January 2025; [PL 2023, c. 634, §3 (AMD).]

B. Is registered as an antique vehicle; and [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. Carries a valid antique motor vehicle registration certificate and plates. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

[PL 2023, c. 634, §3 (AMD).]

4. Display of contemporary plates. Contemporary registration plates must have matching plate numbers, be affixed to both the front and rear and conspicuously bear the year of manufacture.

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

5. Street rod standards. The Chief of the State Police shall establish standards to qualify vehicles as street rods. These standards include:

A. The age of the vehicle; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. The equipment and its condition; and [PL 2005, c. 34, §1 (AMD).]

C. Permissible modifications. [PL 2005, c. 34, §1 (AMD).]

D. [PL 2005, c. 34, §2 (RP).]

[PL 2005, c. 34, §§1, 2 (AMD).]

6. Application. An application for registration of a vehicle under this section must be accompanied by an affidavit that includes a statement indicating the year and make of the motor vehicle and that the vehicle is garaged or maintained in the State.

[PL 2005, c. 321, §3 (AMD); PL 2005, c. 321, §6 (AFF).]

7. Registration fee. The fee for registration of a horseless carriage or antique motorcycle is \$15. The fee for registration of a street rod or antique auto is \$30.

[PL 2015, c. 206, §3 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1993, c. 683, §A2 (NEW). PL 1993, c. 683, §B5 (AFF). PL 1995, c. 645, §§A3,C4 (AMD). PL 1995, c. 645, §C16 (AFF). PL 1999, c. 790, §C1 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 790, §C19 (AFF). PL 2005, c. 34, §§1,2 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 321, §§2,3 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 321, §6 (AFF). PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. A, §2 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 206, §3 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 634, §3 (AMD).

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