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An Act Regarding Antique Automobiles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford,
GUERRETTE of Caribou, LANCE of Paris, MASON of Lisbon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield,
SMITH of Palermo.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 634, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. More than ~~35~~ 25 years old ~~or is 35 years old or less and more than 25 years old and~~
5 ~~was registered in the State as an antique vehicle prior to January 2025;~~

6 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 634, §3, is
7 further amended to read:

8 A. Is over 25 years old ~~or,~~ in the case of an ~~antique auto or~~ antique motorcycle, is more
9 than 35 years old or is more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an
10 ~~antique auto or~~ antique motorcycle prior to January 2025;

11 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

12 **8. Additional requirements for antique autos.** A person registering an antique auto
13 shall show proof of registration and insurance for the motor vehicle used as that person's
14 primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods and shall maintain the registration
15 and insurance for that motor vehicle or a replacement motor vehicle during the term of
16 registration of the antique auto. A person may not operate an antique auto when a motor
17 vehicle used as that person's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods is not
18 registered and insured. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for
19 which a fine of not more than \$2,500 may be adjudged and for which the Secretary of State
20 may immediately revoke the registration for the antique auto.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill reduces the age that an automobile or truck must be to be considered an
23 antique auto in the motor vehicle laws from 35 years old to 25 years old. This age
24 requirement was increased from 25 years old to 35 years old in Public Law 2023, chapter
25 634. The bill requires a person registering an antique auto to show proof of registration
26 and insurance for the motor vehicle used as that person's primary mode of transportation
27 of passengers or goods and maintain the registration and insurance for that motor vehicle
28 or a replacement motor vehicle during the term of registration of the antique auto. A person
29 may not operate an antique auto when a motor vehicle used as that person's primary mode
30 of transportation of passengers or goods is not registered and insured. A person who
31 violates this provision commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,500
32 may be adjudged and for which the Secretary of State may immediately revoke the
33 registration for the antique auto.