

CHAPTER 325

An Act to amend and reenact §§ [46.2-100](#) and [46.2-625](#) of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered [46.2-602.1](#), relating to specially constructed, reconstructed, and replica vehicles.

[H 2501]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ [46.2-100](#) and [46.2-625](#) of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered [46.2-602.1](#) as follows:

§ [46.2-100](#). Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this title shall, for the purpose of this title, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of new or used essential parts. *Such vehicles, at the discretion of the Department, shall retain their original vehicle identification number, line-make, and model year.*

"Replica vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title not fully constructed by a licensed manufacturer but either constructed or assembled from components. *Such components may be from a single vehicle, multiple vehicles, a kit, parts, or fabricated components. The kit may be made up of "major components" as defined in § [46.2-1600](#), a full body, or a full chassis, or a combination of these parts. The vehicle shall resemble a vehicle of distinctive name, line-make, model, or type as produced by a licensed manufacturer or manufacturer no longer in business and is not a reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle as herein defined.*

§ [46.2-602.1](#). Titling and registration of replica vehicles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the model year of vehicles constructed or assembled by multiple manufacturers or assemblers shall be the model year of which the vehicle is a replica. No vehicle titled under this section shall be driven more than 5,000 miles per year as shown by the vehicle's odometer. No vehicle titled under this section shall be automatically eligible for antique motor vehicle license plates provided for in § [46.2-730](#).

Any vehicle registered under this section shall be subject to vehicle safety inspections as provided for in Article 21 (§ [46.2-1157](#) et seq.) of Chapter 10 and emissions inspections as provided for in Article 22 (§ [46.2-1176](#) et seq.) of Chapter 10. Such vehicles shall meet such safety and emission requirements as established for the model year of which the vehicle is a replica.

The Department shall assign each such vehicle a new vehicle identification number, line-make, and model year, if required.

§ [46.2-625](#). Specially constructed, reconstructed, replica, or foreign vehicles.

If a vehicle for which the registration or a certificate of title is applied is a specially constructed, reconstructed, *replica*, or foreign vehicle, the fact shall be stated in the application and, in the case of any foreign vehicle registered outside the Commonwealth, the owner shall present to the Department the certificate of title and registration card or other evidence of registration as he may have. The Commissioner may require such other evidence of ownership as he may deem advisable and promulgate regulations establishing what additional evidence of ownership, if any, shall be required for titling and registration of specially constructed, reconstructed, *replica*, or foreign vehicles. *All titles and registrations for specially constructed, reconstructed, and replica vehicles shall be branded with the words "specially constructed," "reconstructed," or "replica" as appropriate.*