

AN ACT

relating to certain custom vehicles and street rods.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 501.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.038. CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR CUSTOM VEHICLE OR STREET ROD. (a) In this section, "custom vehicle" and "street rod" have the meanings assigned by Section 504.501.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if the department issues a certificate of title for a custom vehicle or street rod, the model year and make of the vehicle must be listed on the certificate of title and must be the model year and make that the body of the vehicle resembles. The certificate of title must also include the word "replica."

(c) The owner of the custom vehicle or street rod shall provide the department with documentation identifying the model year and make that the body of the vehicle resembles.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 504.501, Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS; CUSTOM VEHICLES; STREET RODS.

SECTION 3. Section 504.501, Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2011, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

1 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
2 a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old or is a custom vehicle
3 or street rod. The license plates must include the word or words
4 "Classic," "Custom Vehicle," or "Street Rod," or a similar
5 designation, as appropriate.

6 (d) Notwithstanding Chapter 547, a custom vehicle or street
7 rod eligible to receive license plates under this section is not
8 required to be equipped with a specific piece of equipment unless
9 the specific piece of equipment was required by statute as a
10 condition of sale during the year listed as the model year on the
11 certificate of title.

12 (e) On initial registration of a custom vehicle or street
13 rod, the owner must provide proof, acceptable to the department,
14 that the custom vehicle or street rod passed a safety inspection
15 that has been approved by the department. The department shall
16 create a safety inspection process for inspecting custom vehicles
17 and street rods.

18 (f) In this section:

19 (1) "Custom vehicle" means a vehicle:

20 (A) that is:

21 (i) at least 25 years old and of a model
22 year after 1948; or

23 (ii) manufactured to resemble a vehicle
24 that is at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; and

25 (B) that:

26 (i) has been altered from the
27 manufacturer's original design; or

1 (ii) has a body constructed from materials
2 not original to the vehicle.

3 (2) "Street rod" means a vehicle:

4 (A) that was manufactured:

5 (i) before 1949; or

6 (ii) after 1948 to resemble a vehicle
7 manufactured before 1949; and

8 (B) that:

9 (i) has been altered from the
10 manufacturer's original design; or

11 (ii) has a body constructed from materials
12 not original to the vehicle.

13 SECTION 4. Section 548.052, Transportation Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 548.052. VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. This
16 chapter does not apply to:

17 (1) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile
18 home moving under or bearing a current factory-delivery license
19 plate or current in-transit license plate;

20 (2) a vehicle moving under or bearing a paper dealer
21 in-transit tag, machinery license, disaster license, parade
22 license, prorated tab, one-trip permit, antique license, custom
23 vehicle license, street rod license, temporary 24-hour permit, or
24 permit license;

25 (3) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile
26 home having an actual gross weight or registered gross weight of
27 4,500 pounds or less;

1 (4) farm machinery, road-building equipment, a farm
2 trailer, or a vehicle required to display a slow-moving-vehicle
3 emblem under Section 547.703;

4 (5) a former military vehicle, as defined by Section
5 504.502 [~~502.275~~];

6 (6) a vehicle qualified for a tax exemption under
7 Section 152.092, Tax Code; or

8 (7) a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been
9 issued but that is not required to be registered.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 890 was passed by the House on April 26, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 890 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor