
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "special interest vehicle"
3 to read as follows:

4 "Special interest vehicle" means a vehicle [~~of any age~~]
5 that [7] is at least thirty-five years old or is modified to
6 resemble a vehicle that is at least thirty-five years old and,
7 because of its significance, is being collected, preserved,
8 restored, or maintained by a collector. [~~The term~~] "Special
9 interest vehicle" includes a street rod vehicle and a street rod
10 replica vehicle, as those terms are defined in section
11 286-26.5 [~~; a vehicle manufactured before 1968, and a vehicle~~
12 ~~manufactured after 1967 to resemble a vehicle manufactured~~
13 ~~before 1968]~~."

14 SECTION 2. Section 286-26.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§286-26.5 Special interest vehicles. (a) As used in
17 this section:



1 "Collector" means an owner of one or more vehicles,
2 including parts vehicles, who collects, purchases, acquires,
3 trades, or disposes of a vehicle or its parts, for the owner's
4 own use, to preserve, restore, and maintain the vehicle or
5 another vehicle for hobby or historical purposes.

6 "Parts vehicle" means a vehicle that is owned by a
7 collector to furnish parts for the restoration or maintenance of
8 a special interest vehicle.

9 "Street rod replica vehicle" means a vehicle that was
10 assembled from a manufactured kit, either as:

- 11 (1) A complete kit to construct a new vehicle consisting
- 12 of a prefabricated body and chassis;
- 13 (2) Components manufactured [~~before 1968,~~] at least
- 14 thirty-five years before the date the component is
- 15 being sold; or
- 16 (3) Components manufactured [~~after 1967 to resemble a~~
- 17 ~~vehicle manufactured before 1968,~~] to resemble a
- 18 vehicle that is at least thirty-five years old;

19 and that has been modified in its body style or design through
20 the use of nonoriginal or reproduction components, such as the
21 frame, engine, drive train, suspension, or brakes, in a manner



1 that does not adversely affect its safe performance as a motor
2 vehicle or render the vehicle unlawful for use on public
3 highways.

4 "Street rod vehicle" means a vehicle that was:

5 (1) Manufactured [~~before 1968;~~] at least thirty-five years
6 before the date the vehicle is being registered as a
7 street rod vehicle; or

8 (2) Manufactured [~~after 1967 to resemble a vehicle~~
9 ~~manufactured before 1968;~~] to resemble a vehicle that
10 is at least thirty-five years old;

11 and that has been modified in its body style or design through
12 the use of nonoriginal or reproduction components, such as the
13 frame, engine, drive train, suspension, or brakes, in a manner
14 that does not adversely affect its safe performance as a motor
15 vehicle or render the vehicle unlawful for use on public
16 highways. [~~The term~~] "Street rod vehicle" does not include a
17 motorcycle, an antique vehicle, or a restored vehicle.

18 (b) If a street rod vehicle was manufactured [~~before 1968~~]
19 at least thirty-five years before the date the vehicle is being
20 or was registered as a street rod vehicle and has been modified
21 in body style or design, the make and year of the vehicle shall



1 be the year the vehicle most nearly resembles. If a street rod
2 vehicle was manufactured [~~after 1967~~] to resemble a vehicle
3 [~~manufactured before 1968,~~] that is at least thirty-five years
4 old, the body type of the vehicle shall be street rod vehicle or
5 "STRD".

6 (c) A state vehicle identification number shall be issued
7 to a street rod vehicle that was manufactured [~~after 1967~~] to
8 resemble a vehicle [~~manufactured before 1968,~~] that is at least
9 thirty-five years old, when no vehicle identification number is
10 present on the vehicle; when more than one vehicle
11 identification number is present on the vehicle; or when the
12 vehicle identification number is absent from the body or frame,
13 or both, of the vehicle. The state vehicle identification
14 number shall be assigned by the director of finance of the
15 county in which the vehicle resides; provided that [~~not~~] no more
16 than one hundred vehicle identification numbers shall be issued
17 annually.

18 To obtain a state vehicle identification number under this
19 subsection, the owner of a street rod vehicle that was
20 manufactured [~~after 1967~~] to resemble a vehicle [~~manufactured~~



1 ~~before 1968]~~ that is at least thirty-five years old shall
2 provide:

- 3 (1) A title of ownership from the previous owner of the
4 vehicle's body or frame;
- 5 (2) A bill of sale or invoices for all major parts used in
6 the modification of the vehicle; and
- 7 (3) A weight certificate issued by a state-certified scale
8 for the actual weight of the vehicle.

9 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:

10 (1) Street rod vehicles and street rod replica vehicles
11 shall be equipped with the following equipment:

- 12 (A) Hydraulic service brakes on all wheels;
- 13 (B) Sealed beam or halogen headlights;
- 14 (C) Turn signals and a turn signaling switch;
- 15 (D) Safety glass or lexan windshield;
- 16 (E) Electric or vacuum windshield wiper located in
17 front of the driver;
- 18 (F) Standard or DOT/SAE-approved tail lights;
- 19 (G) A parking brake that operates on at least two
20 wheels on the same axle; and



1 (H) Seat belt assembly as provided in section 291-
2 11.6;

3 (2) Street rod vehicles and street rod replica vehicles
4 shall be equipped in such a manner that no part of a
5 vehicle, other than the vehicle's tires, will make
6 contact with the surface of a flat highway when the
7 vehicle is operated on the same;

8 (3) Bumpers, hoods, door handles, and fenders shall be
9 optional equipment on [street]:

10 (A) Street rod vehicles and street rod replica
11 vehicles; and

12 [~~4~~] ~~Bumpers, hoods, door handles, and fenders shall be~~
13 ~~optional equipment on vehicles]~~

14 (B) Vehicles manufactured [~~before 1968,~~] at least
15 thirty-five years before the date the vehicle is
16 being or was registered as a street rod vehicle
17 and on vehicles manufactured [~~after 1967 to~~
18 ~~resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1968.~~] to
19 resemble a vehicle manufactured at least thirty-
20 five years before the date the vehicle is being
21 or was registered as a street rod vehicle; and



1 (4) Vehicles shall meet the safety standards that were in
2 effect at the time of manufacture.

3 In the event of a conflict between this subsection and
4 equipment requirements specified in chapters 286, 291, and 291C,
5 this subsection shall control.

6 (e) If a street rod replica vehicle was assembled from a
7 manufactured kit as [a]:

8 (1) A complete kit to construct a new vehicle consisting
9 of a prefabricated body and chassis [~~, the year of the~~
10 vehicle shall be the year the vehicle resembles as
11 reflected on the manufacturer's certificate of origin.

12 ~~If a street rod replica vehicle was assembled from a~~
13 ~~manufactured kit as components]; or~~

14 (2) Components manufactured [~~before 1968~~] at least
15 thirty-five years before the date the components are
16 being sold or components manufactured [~~after 1967~~] to
17 resemble a vehicle manufactured [~~before 1968,~~] at
18 least thirty-five years before the date the components
19 are being sold,

20 the year of the vehicle shall be the year the vehicle resembles
21 as reflected on the manufacturer's certificate of origin. The



1 certificate of title for a street rod replica vehicle shall be
2 for the make and year the vehicle resembles, and the body type
3 of the vehicle shall be street rod vehicle replica (STRD-RPLC).

4 (f) The state vehicle identification number of a street
5 rod replica vehicle that was assembled from a manufactured kit
6 as a complete kit to construct a new vehicle consisting of a
7 prefabricated body and chassis shall be taken from the
8 manufacturer's certificate of origin. The state vehicle
9 identification number shall be assigned by the director of
10 finance of the county in which the vehicle resides; provided
11 that ~~not~~ no more than one hundred vehicle identification
12 numbers shall be issued annually.

13 The state vehicle identification number of a street rod
14 replica vehicle that was assembled from a manufactured kit as
15 components manufactured ~~[before 1968]~~ at least thirty-five years
16 before the date the components are being sold, or components
17 manufactured ~~[after 1967]~~ to resemble a vehicle manufactured
18 ~~[before 1968,]~~ at least thirty-five years before the date the
19 components are being sold, shall be taken from the
20 manufacturer's certificate of origin or provided by the director
21 of finance of the county in which the vehicle resides.



1 To obtain a state vehicle identification number under this
2 subsection, the owner of a street rod replica vehicle shall
3 provide:

4 (1) Ownership documents from the manufacturer of the kit
5 or components;

6 (2) All shipping and freight documents for the kit or
7 components; and

8 (3) A weight certificate issued by a state-certified scale
9 for the actual weight of the vehicle.

10 (g) A state vehicle identification number shall be issued
11 to a street rod replica vehicle when the vehicle identification
12 number is absent from the body or frame, or both, of the
13 vehicle; or when the vehicle identification number is absent
14 from the manufacturer's certificate of origin. The state
15 vehicle identification number shall be assigned by the director
16 of finance of the county in which the vehicle resides; provided
17 that ~~not~~ no more than one hundred vehicle identification
18 numbers shall be issued annually."

19 SECTION 3. (a) There is established a motor vehicle
20 safety inspection and motor vehicle registration task force to



1 be placed in the department of transportation for administrative
2 purposes.

3 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

4 (1) The director of transportation, or their designee, who
5 shall serve as chairperson;

6 (2) The deputy director of transportation - highways, or
7 their designee;

8 (3) Each county director of transportation, or their
9 designee;

10 (4) Each county chief of police, or their designee; and

11 (5) Additional members with relevant expertise invited by
12 the chairperson.

13 (c) The task force shall consider the following:

14 (1) The types of motor vehicles required to receive a
15 safety inspection and frequency of the safety
16 inspection;

17 (2) Methods to streamline the process to receive a motor
18 vehicle safety inspection and motor vehicle
19 registration;

20 (3) Creation of a simplified process for motor vehicle
21 owners; and



1 (4) Other issues deemed appropriate by the task force.

2 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
3 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of 2024.

6 (e) The task force shall dissolve on June 30, 2024.

7 (f) The members of the task force shall not be compensated
8 for their service, but shall be reimbursed for necessary
9 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred while
10 participating in meetings and events approved by the
11 chairperson. No member of the task force shall be made subject
12 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
13 member's participation in the task force.

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

Special Interest Vehicles; Street Rod Vehicles; Street Rod
Replica Vehicles; Safety Inspection; Motor Vehicle Registration;
Task Force; Report

Description:

Amends the definitions of "special interest vehicle", "street
rod replica vehicle", and "street rod vehicle", for purposes of
the Hawaii Highway Safety Act, to be based on the age of the
vehicle or the parts used, rather than a certain year. Requires
vehicles to meet the safety standards that were in effect at the
time of manufacture. Establishes a motor vehicle safety
inspection and motor vehicle registration task force. Requires
a report to the Legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

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