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SENATE BILL 5250

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By Senators Owen, Haugen, Hargrove, Rasmussen, Prince, Morton and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle equipment; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 46.37 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that  
5 constructive leisure pursuits by Washington citizens is most important.  
6 This act is intended to encourage responsible participation in the  
7 hobby of collecting, preserving, restoring, and maintaining motor  
8 vehicles of historic and special interest, which hobby contributes to  
9 the enjoyment of the citizens and the preservation of Washington's  
10 memorabilia.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

14 (1) "Collector" means the owner of one or more vehicles described  
15 in RCW 46.16.305 or of one or more special interest vehicles, who  
16 collects, purchases, acquires, trades, or disposes of the vehicle, or  
17 parts of it, for his or her own use, in order to preserve, restore, and  
18 maintain the vehicle for hobby or historical purposes.

1 (2) "Special interest vehicle" means a vehicle of any age that  
2 because of its significance is being collected, preserved, restored, or  
3 maintained by a hobbyist as a leisure pursuit.

4 (3) "Parts car" means a motor vehicle that is owned by a collector  
5 to furnish parts for restoration or maintenance of a special interest  
6 vehicle or a vehicle described in RCW 46.16.305, thus enabling a  
7 collector to preserve, restore, and maintain a special interest vehicle  
8 or a vehicle described in RCW 46.16.305.

9 (4) "Ordinary public view" means visible only while on the street  
10 or road for which the property is addressed and while a person is  
11 driving by or walking by that property.

12 (5) "Street rod vehicle" is a motor vehicle, other than a  
13 motorcycle, either manufactured before 1949, or a motor vehicle that  
14 has been assembled or manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle that was  
15 manufactured before 1949, that has been modified in its body style or  
16 design through the use of nonoriginal or reproduction components, such  
17 as the frame, engine, drive train, suspension, or brakes in a manner  
18 that does not adversely affect its safe performance as a motor vehicle  
19 or render it unlawful for highway use.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter, bumpers, hoods,  
23 fenders, and windshields are optional equipment on street rods.

24 A street rod vehicle shall be titled as the make and year that the  
25 vehicle most closely resembles. The title shall be branded with the  
26 designation "street rod."

27 The state patrol shall assign a vehicle identification number if it  
28 is absent from the body and the frame of a vehicle to be registered as  
29 a street rod vehicle.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW  
31 to read as follows:

32 A collector may maintain one or more vehicles whether currently  
33 licensed or unlicensed, or whether operable or inoperable, in outdoor  
34 storage on private property, if every such vehicle is located away from  
35 ordinary public view, or is screened from ordinary public view, by

1 means of suitable fencing, trees, shrubbery, or other appropriate  
2 means.

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