

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1524

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### As Reported by House Committee On: Transportation

**Title:** An act relating to registering street rod vehicles and custom vehicles.

**Brief Description:** Addressing the registration of street rod vehicles and custom vehicles.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Van Werven, Chapman, Orcutt, Dent, Walsh and Pellicciotti.

#### **Brief History:**

##### **Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 2/25/19, 2/27/19 [DP].

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes street rod vehicles or custom vehicles to be registered with collector vehicle license plates.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 30 members: Representatives Fey, Chair; Slatter, 2nd Vice Chair; Valdez, 2nd Vice Chair; Wylie, 1st Vice Chair; Barkis, Ranking Minority Member; Walsh, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Young, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Boehnke, Chambers, Chapman, Dent, Doglio, Dufault, Entenman, Eslick, Goehner, Gregerson, Irwin, Kloba, Lovick, McCaslin, Mead, Orcutt, Ortiz-Self, Paul, Pellicciotti, Ramos, Riccelli, Shea and Van Werven.

**Staff:** Patricia Hasan (786-7292).

#### **Background:**

A "street rod vehicle" is defined as a motor vehicle that:

- is a 1948 or older vehicle or was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and
- has alterations to one or more of the major component parts that change the appearance or performance of the vehicle from the original manufacturer's design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

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A "custom vehicle" is defined as a motor vehicle that:

- is at least 30 years old and of a model year after 1948 or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle at least 30 years old and of a model year after 1948; and
- has alterations to one or more of the major component parts that change the appearance or performance of the vehicle from the original manufacturer's design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

When applying for a certificate of title for a street rod vehicle or a custom vehicle for the first time, the owner of the street rod vehicle or the custom vehicle must: (1) submit a certification that the street rod vehicle or the custom vehicle will be maintained for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar uses, and will not be used for general daily transportation; and (2) provide a certificate of vehicle inspection by the Washington State Patrol or other authorized inspector. This inspection is to ensure that the vehicle is being titled for the first time as a street rod vehicle or custom vehicle. The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification number is genuine and matches the number shown on the certificate of title and registration certificate.

The model year and the year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title of a street rod vehicle or a custom vehicle must be the model year and year of manufacture that the body of the street rod vehicle or custom vehicle resembles. The presence of modern equipment including, but not limited to, brakes, engines, or seat belts, or the presence of optional equipment, such as hoods and bumpers, on a street rod vehicle or custom vehicle does not invalidate the year of manufacture on the certificate of title. Street rod vehicles and custom vehicles must be registered with collector vehicle license plates, and an initial registration issued to a street rod vehicle or custom vehicle need not be an initial registration for that vehicle.

Street rod vehicles and custom vehicles are exempt from emissions testing requirements set forth by the Department of Ecology for motor vehicles registered with an address of record in a noncompliance area within the state.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Street rod vehicles and custom vehicles are authorized to be registered with collector vehicle license plates.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) When a person attempted to register their street rod vehicle with a collector vehicle license plate, they were unable to do so because of the omission in statute. This bill provides a technical fix to a bill that was passed by the Legislature in 2011, and it would allow owners of street rod vehicles and custom vehicles to register their vehicles with a collector vehicle license plate as was intended with the 2011 legislation.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Van Werven, prime sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.