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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the owner of a vintage
9 vehicle that functions primarily as a collector's
10 item may register with the licensing official and
11 obtain a permanent vintage vehicle license plate.
12 Under existing law, a vintage vehicle may be used
13 in club activities, exhibitions, tours, and
14 parades, but may not be used for general
15 transportation purposes.

16 This bill would authorize the owner of a
17 vintage vehicle to keep the permanent vintage tag,
18 but pay regular license taxes and registration fees
19 and show proof of mandatory liability insurance for
20 the privilege of operating the vintage vehicle for
21 general transportation purposes. This bill would
22 require this information to be kept in the motor
23 vehicle at all times when it is in operation.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

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2 To amend Section 40-12-290, Code of Alabama 1975,
3 relating to vintage vehicles; to provide further for the
4 licensing and registration of vintage vehicles; and to
5 authorize certain vintage vehicles to be operated for general
6 transportation purposes upon payment of regular license taxes
7 and registration fees and proof of mandatory liability
8 insurance.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 40-12-290, Code of Alabama 1975,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 "§40-12-290.

13 "(a) Subject to the requirements of subsections (b),
14 (c), (d) and (e), the owner of a motor vehicle which is herein
15 defined as a "vintage vehicle", upon application to the judge
16 of probate or commissioner of licenses on special application
17 forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue and the
18 payment of a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10), may
19 register the vehicle as a "vintage vehicle" and procure
20 therefor permanent license plates to be issued and displayed
21 on the vehicle.

22 "(b) Beginning October 1, 1996, the owner of a
23 "vintage vehicle" which is owned and operated primarily as a
24 collector's item may, upon satisfying the requirements of this
25 subsection, register the vehicle as a "vintage vehicle." The
26 owner shall apply to the judge of probate or county official
27 authorized and required by law to issue license plates. The

1 owner shall pay a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10). Upon
2 satisfying these requirements, permanent "vintage vehicle"
3 license plates shall be issued and displayed on the vehicle.

4 "(c) (1) The Commissioner of Revenue may make such
5 reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to
6 administer the provisions of this division.

7 "(2) A vehicle using or displaying a "vintage
8 vehicle" plate issued pursuant to this section shall not be
9 used as a commercial vehicle, for transporting passengers or
10 property, or for use as a service vehicle.

11 "(3) "Vintage vehicle" license plates shall remain
12 with the vehicle when sold or otherwise disposed of, and the
13 new owner shall transfer the registration into his or her name
14 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-12-260 and
15 40-12-261, if the vehicle will be operated in accordance with
16 this section, and, if not, standard license plates shall be
17 obtained.

18 "(4) The owner of a vehicle displaying an antique
19 license plate issued prior to October 1, 1996, if the vehicle
20 is to be operated in accordance with the provisions of this
21 section, shall surrender the license plate and obtain the
22 vintage vehicle license plate above authorized without
23 payment.

24 "(d) For the purpose of this section, a "vintage
25 vehicle" is: (i) a private passenger automobile, truck or
26 truck tractor which weighs not more than 26,000 pounds gross
27 weight, motorcycle, or fire truck, (ii) over 30 years old,

1 (iii) operated as a collector's item, including participation
2 in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and not used
3 for general transportation purposes except as authorized in
4 this subsection, (iv) a vehicle having the original or
5 substantially similar vehicle body, chassis, engine, and
6 transmission as designated for that make, model, year, and age
7 vehicle. The owner of a vintage vehicle may operate the
8 vintage vehicle on the public highways for general
9 transportation purposes only after paying regular license
10 taxes and registration fees pursuant to Division 1 of this
11 article and providing to the licensing official proof of
12 liability insurance as required by Chapter 7A of Title 32. The
13 owner of the vintage vehicle shall maintain in the vehicle at
14 all times the regular license plate, proof of license tax,
15 registration, and liability insurance.

16 "(e) (1) Effective October 1, 1997, it shall be
17 unlawful for any person to operate, on the public highways of
18 this state, a vehicle based in this state and displaying a
19 vintage vehicle license plate not in compliance with
20 subsections (b), (c), and (d). Any antique license plate or
21 tag issued prior to October 1, 1996, shall become invalid on
22 October 1, 1997.

23 "(2) Any person violating this section shall, upon
24 conviction, pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars
25 (\$100), shall forfeit the vintage vehicle registration and
26 plates issued to the owner for the respective vehicle, shall
27 be liable for the regular registration fee and taxes for the

1 vehicle, and shall be barred from applying for or holding a
2 vintage vehicle registration for the respective vehicle for
3 three years from the date of the violation. This penalty shall
4 be in lieu of any other penalty specified in this chapter for
5 this offense."

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
7 first day of the third month following its passage and
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.