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2007

1	A bill to be entitled	
2	An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 320.0863,	
3	F.S.; providing definitions; providing for the	
4	registration of custom vehicles and street rods; providing	
5	registration and equipment requirements for such vehicles;	
6	exempting such vehicles from certain equipment and	
7	inspection requirements; providing an effective date.	
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:	
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11	Section 1. Section 320.0863, Florida Statutes, is amended	
12	to read:	
13	(Substantial rewording of section. See	
14	s. 320.0863, F.S., for present text.)	
15	320.0863 Custom vehicles and street rods; registration and	
16	license plates	
17	(1) As used in this section, the term:	
18	(a) "Blue dot tail light" means a red lamp that contains a	
19	blue or purple insert that is not more than one inch in diameter	
20	and is installed in the rear of a motor vehicle.	
21	(b) "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:	
22	1. Is 25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948	
23	or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is 25 years old	
24	or older and of a model year after 1948; and	
25	2. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original	
26	design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.	
27	(c) "Street rod" means a motor vehicle that:	
28	1. Is of a model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured	

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29	after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or
30	older; and
31	2. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original
32	design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.
33	(2) The model year and year of manufacture which the body
34	of a custom vehicle or street rod resembles is the model year
35	and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title,
36	regardless of when the vehicle was actually manufactured.
37	(3) To register a street rod or custom vehicle, the owner
38	shall apply to the department by submitting a completed
39	application form and provide the following:
40	(a) The license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(2)(a) and a
41	processing fee of \$3.
42	(b) A written statement that the vehicle will not be used
43	for general daily transportation but will be maintained for
44	occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities,
45	parades, tours, or other functions of public interest and
46	similar uses.
47	(c) A written statement that the vehicle meets state
48	equipment and safety requirements for motor vehicles. However,
49	the vehicle must meet only the requirements that were in effect
50	in this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the
51	model year on the certificate of title.
52	(4) The registration numbers and special license plates
53	assigned to such vehicles shall run in a separate series,
54	commencing with "Custom Vehicle 1" or "Street Rod 1,"
55	respectively, and the plates shall be of a distinguishing color
56	and design.
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57 (5) (a) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt
58 from any law or local ordinance that requires periodic vehicle
59 inspections or the use and inspection of emission controls.
60 (b) Such vehicle may also be equipped with blue dot tail
61 lights for stop lamps, rear turning indicator lamps, rear hazard
62 lamps, and rear reflectors.
63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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