

MAAC is watching the 'BILLS on the HILL' - 2012

antique snowmobiles

Bill H00238 By Mr. Stephen Kulik of Worthington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00238) of William "Smitty" Pignatelli and Anne M. Gobi relative to the registration of antique snowmobiles. **Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

A state resident or non resident who owns a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old and that is substantially maintained in original or restored condition may register that snowmobile under this subsection as a vintage snowmobile. Vintage snowmobiles must meet the sound and emission specifications in place at the time of their manufacture. A vintage snowmobile registration authorizes that snowmobile to be operated only for the purpose of traveling to, returning from and participating in an exhibition, parade or other event of interest to the public or for occasional personal use. The fee for a vintage snowmobile registration is \$40. A vintage snowmobile registration is valid until the ownership of that vintage snowmobile is transferred to another person. Upon the transfer of ownership, the new owner may register that snowmobile as a vintage snowmobile by paying the current vintage snowmobile registration fee.

Definition:

A "Vintage Snowmobile" means a snowmobile more than 25 years old that is registered as a vintage snowmobile under the snowmobile registration section.

1/18/2011	House	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.
1/24/2011	Senate	Senate concurred.
6/3/2011	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2011 from 10:00 AM-03:00 PM in Quaboag Regional High School
10/24/2011	House	Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the House committee on Ways and Means

motorcycle sound levels

Bill H00952 By Mr. Theodore C. Speliotis of Danvers, to further regulate motorcycle sound levels.. **Joint Committee on Transportation.**

SECTION 7U of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: - "The use and sale of any exhaust pipe that increases the sound emission of any vehicle including motorcycles shall be prohibited. All motorcycle exhaust pipes must conform to 82dBA maximum noise level measured directly to the rear exhaust outlet at a distance of 12 inches. The angle of measurement shall not exceed 30 degrees. Sound measurements taken beyond 12 inches that exceed the requirements are not acceptable. Violation of said decibel level, or illegal retrofitting, will result in a license suspension for six (6) months and/or a fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)."

1/14/2011	House	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation.
1/24/2011	Senate	Senate concurred.
11/23/2011	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 11/30/2011 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in A-1



one license plate

Bill H00905 By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, petition relative to motor vehicle registration plates. **Joint Committee on Transportation.**

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008 official edition is hereby amended in the seventh paragraph, line 2, by striking the words "two number plates of suitable design" and inserting the words "one number plate of suitable design to be placed at the rear of the vehicle",.....

Section 2. Section 6 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008 official edition is hereby amended in line 6 by striking the following words: "at the front and".

1/11/2011	House	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation.
1/24/2011	Senate	Senate concurred.
10/24/2011	Joint	Hearing Scheduled for 10/19/2011 from 10 am – 1 PM in A-1
11/7/2011	House	Committee recommended ought NOT to pass and referred to the House committee on Steering & Policy
11/21/2011	House	Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance
11/21/2011	House	Rules suspended
11/21/2011	House	Report accepted

Promoting the interests of the hobby...

Since 1970, the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs (MAAC) has worked behind the scenes to protect the interests of ALL antique & collector car hobbyists in areas such as: Agreed value insurance; Year of manufacture license plates; Exempting antiques from emissions testing; and exempting vehicles built before 1966 from requiring seat belts.

MORE 'BILLS on the HILL' - 2012

Bill H03242

By Mr. Webster of Pembroke (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3242) of [petitioners] relative to the sales tax on motor vehicles Joint Committee on Revenue.

SECTION 1. Section 25 of chapter 64H of the general laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commission", in line 12, the following words: - ; provided however, that for a motor vehicle sold for more than 10 per cent below the wholesale or trade-in value which corresponds to a particular make, model, type, and year of a motor vehicle, as listed in the most recent edition of the applicable National Automobile Dealers Association used vehicle pricing guide, the tax due shall be calculated on the lower value.

SECTION 2. Section 26 of chapter 64I of the general laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 13, the following words: - ; provided however, that for a motor vehicle sold for more than 10 per cent below the wholesale or trade-in value which corresponds to a particular make, model, type, and year of a motor vehicle, as listed in the most recent edition of the applicable National Automobile Dealers Association used vehicle pricing guide, the tax due shall be calculated on the lower value.

1/21/2011	House	Bill Filed.
3/7/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue.
5/3/2011	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 05/12/2011 from 10:30 AM-02:30 PM in A-1



motor vehicle sales tax

Bill S01719

By Mr. Brewer, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1719) of Gobi and Brewer for legislation relative to year of manufacture registration plates [Joint Committee on Transportation].

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, section 6 of chapter 90 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2008 official edition, shall be amended by inserting after the word "section" in line 40 the following: - **"However, the restoration of year of manufacture registration plates, painted and restored to their original year of manufacture colors and design, will not be considered altering such registration plates when used on antique automobiles."**

1/18/2011	Senate	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	Senate	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation.

allowing the restoration of year of manufacture plates

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Tail Fins ...And parting thoughts !!!

MAAC - the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs - is our voice at the state level, in Boston. If and when, legislative activity at either the national or state level affects our hobby, we must respond in a timely manner to make our views known. *Sitting back and doing nothing is the 'easy way out' but that will probably result in laws and regulations that hurt our hobby.* *MAAC cannot stand still...*

Please make sure that your auto club is a "member club" and that your 2012 Dues are paid !!!