

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4330

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes specialty street rod and historic motor vehicle license plates and dedicates net proceeds to General Fund.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning street rod and historic motor vehicle license  
2 plates and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. For the purposes of this section:

8 “Historic motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle that is at least  
9 25 years old, owned as a collector’s item, and used solely for  
10 exhibition and educational purposes by the owner.

11 “Street rod” means a modified motor vehicle manufactured  
12 before 1949 and which is registered in a New Jersey street rod club  
13 fully affiliated with the National Street Rod Association, Inc.

14 b. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
15 Commission shall establish street rod and historic motor vehicle  
16 specialty license plates. The chief administrator is authorized to  
17 enter into licensing contracts or agreements with the manufacturers  
18 of street rod and historic motor vehicles, or other entities that own  
19 the rights to street rod or historic motor vehicle brand logos, for the  
20 design and sale of street rod and historic motor vehicle specialty  
21 license plates that are specific to the make of street rod and historic  
22 motor vehicles registered in the State.

23 c. Upon proper application, the chief administrator shall issue a  
24 street rod or historic motor vehicle specialty license plate or license  
25 plates to a street rod or historic motor vehicle owned and registered  
26 in the State. In addition to the registration number and other  
27 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license  
28 plate shall display wording and a design, including an emblem and  
29 color scheme, chosen by the chief administrator, in coordination  
30 with the street rod or historic motor vehicle manufacturer or other  
31 entity that owns the rights to the street rod or historic motor vehicle  
32 brand logo.

33 d. In addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the  
34 registration of a street rod or historic motor vehicle, the commission  
35 shall impose and collect a fee in an amount to be determined by the  
36 chief administrator for the issuance of street rod and historic motor  
37 vehicle specialty license plates. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or  
38 regulation to the contrary, revenues derived from the additional fee  
39 imposed and collected for the issuance of street rod and historic  
40 motor vehicle specialty license plates, less the amount necessary to  
41 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to  
42 subsection e. of this section, shall be remitted to the General Fund.

43 e. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant to  
44 subsection d. of this section into the General Fund, amounts thereof  
45 as are necessary shall be used to reimburse the commission for costs  
46 reasonably and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief  
47 administrator, for producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the  
48 availability of street rod and historic motor vehicle specialty license

1 plates, including the cost of any initial computer programming  
2 changes.

3 f. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the  
4 opportunity to obtain street rod and historic motor vehicle specialty  
5 license plates by posting appropriate posters or signs in all  
6 commission facilities and offices and by including the information  
7 on the commission's website.

8 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:3-33, or any other  
9 law to the contrary, an owner of a vehicle registered as a street rod  
10 or historic motor vehicle shall not be required to display more than  
11 one license plate issued for the vehicle, which plate shall be  
12 displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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19 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey  
20 Motor Vehicle Commission to establish specialty street rod and  
21 historic motor vehicle license plates. In addition to the registration  
22 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed  
23 by law, the license plates will display wording and a design specific  
24 to the make of the street rod or historic motor vehicle requesting the  
25 plates. The chief administrator is authorized to enter into licensing  
26 contracts or agreements with the manufacturers, or other entities  
27 that own the rights to street rod and historic motor vehicle brand  
28 logos.

29 The bill defines an historic motor vehicle as any motor vehicle  
30 that is at least 25 years old, owned as a collector's item, and used  
31 solely for exhibition and educational purposes by the owner. A  
32 street rod is defined as a modified motor vehicle manufactured  
33 before 1949 that is registered in a New Jersey street rod club fully  
34 affiliated with the National Street Rod Association, Inc.

35 The bill specifies that the commission will charge a fee, in an  
36 amount to be determined by the chief administrator, for the issuance of  
37 these specialty license plates. Revenues derived from these fees, less  
38 any amount necessary to reimburse the commission for administrative  
39 costs, will be deposited into the General Fund.

40 Motorists will be notified of the opportunity to obtain street rod and  
41 historic motor vehicle specialty license plates by postings in all  
42 commission facilities and offices and on the commission's website.

43 An owner of a vehicle registered as a street rod or historic motor  
44 vehicle is exempted under the bill from the requirement that motor  
45 vehicles have two license plates. Street rods and historic motor  
46 vehicles are only required to display one license plate, which is to  
47 be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.