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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 462**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Villines**

**(~~Coauthor: Assembly Member Solorio~~ *Coauthors: Assembly  
Members Galgiani, Horton, and Solorio*)**

February 20, 2007

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An act to amend Section 5004.1 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 462, as amended, Villines. Vehicle: license plates.

Under existing law, an owner of a vehicle that is a 1962 or older model-year vehicle may, under specified circumstances, utilize license plates of this state with the date of year corresponding to the model-year date when the vehicle was manufactured.

This bill instead would authorize this option for the owner of a vehicle that is a 1969 or older model-year or the owner of a commercial vehicle or pickup truck that is a 1972 or older model-year. *This bill would require the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to approve the utilization of these license plates as to a vehicle that is a 1963 to 1969, inclusive, model year vehicle, or a commercial vehicle or pickup truck that is a 1963 to 1972, inclusive, model year vehicle prior to the issuance of those plates for that vehicle.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 5004.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 5004.1. (a) ~~An~~ (1) *Subject to paragraph (3), an owner of a*  
4 *vehicle that is a 1969 or older model year vehicle or the owner of*  
5 *a commercial vehicle or a pickup truck that is a 1972 or older*  
6 *model year may, after the requirements for the registration of the*  
7 *vehicle are complied with and with the approval of the department,*  
8 *utilize license plates of this state with the date of year*  
9 *corresponding to the model year date when the vehicle was*  
10 *manufactured, if the model year date license plate is legible and*  
11 *serviceable, as determined by the department, in lieu of the license*  
12 *plates otherwise required by this code.* ~~The~~

13 (2) *The department may consult with an organization of old car*  
14 *hobbyists in determining whether the date of year of the license*  
15 *plate to be used corresponds to the model year date when the*  
16 *vehicle was manufactured.*

17 (3) *The commissioner shall approve the utilization of license*  
18 *plates on a vehicle that is a 1963 to 1969, inclusive, model year*  
19 *vehicle or a commercial vehicle or pickup truck that is a 1963 to*  
20 *1972, inclusive, model year vehicle prior to the department's*  
21 *issuance of license plates for that vehicle pursuant to this section.*

22 (b) A fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be charged for the  
23 application for the use of the special plates.

24 (c) In addition to the regular renewal fee for the vehicle for  
25 which the plates are authorized, the applicant for a renewal of the  
26 plates shall be charged an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10). When  
27 payment of a regular vehicle renewal fee is not required by this  
28 code, the holder of license plates with a date corresponding to the  
29 model year may retain the plates upon payment of an annual fee  
30 of twenty dollars (\$20), that shall be due at the expiration of the  
31 registration year of the vehicle to which the plates were last  
32 assigned under this section.

33 (d) Whenever a person *who* is authorized to utilize the special  
34 license plates applies to the department for transfer of the plates  
35 to another vehicle, a transfer fee of twelve dollars (\$12) shall be  
36 charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

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