

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2253**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Grove**

February 18, 2016

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An act to amend Section 5004 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2253, as introduced, Grove. Vehicles: special plates.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special identification plates to the owner of a vehicle that meets specified criteria and is operated or moved over the highway primarily for the purpose of historical exhibition or other similar purpose, subject to a specified fee.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5004 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 5004. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code,
- 4 any owner of a vehicle described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3)~~which~~
- 5 *that* is operated or moved over the highway primarily for the
- 6 purpose of historical exhibition or other similar purpose shall, upon
- 7 application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the
- 8 department, be issued special identification plates for the vehicle:

1 (1) A motor vehicle with an engine of 16 or more cylinders  
2 manufactured prior to *the year 1965*.

3 (2) A motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922 or prior  
4 ~~thereto~~ *to the year 1922*.

5 (3) A vehicle ~~which~~ *that* was manufactured after *the year 1922*,  
6 is at least 25 years old, and is of historic interest.

7 (b) The special identification plates assigned to motor vehicles  
8 with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to *the*  
9 *year 1965* and to any motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922  
10 and prior thereto shall run in a separate numerical series,  
11 commencing with “Horseless Carriage No. 1”.

12 The special identification plates assigned to vehicles specified  
13 in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall run in a separate numerical  
14 series, commencing with “Historical Vehicle No. 1”.

15 Each series of plates shall have different and distinguishing  
16 colors.

17 (c) A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be charged for the  
18 initial issuance of the special identification plates. ~~Such~~ *These*  
19 plates shall be permanent and shall not be required to be replaced.  
20 ~~If such any special identification plates become~~ *plate becomes*  
21 ~~damaged or unserviceable in any manner, replacement for the~~  
22 ~~plates~~ *plate* may be obtained from the department upon proper  
23 application and upon payment of ~~such fee as~~ *the fee that* is provided  
24 for in Section 9265.

25 (d) All funds received by the department in payment for such  
26 identification plates or the replacement thereof shall be deposited  
27 in the California Environmental License Plate Fund.

28 (e) These vehicles shall not be exempt from the equipment  
29 provisions of Sections 26709, 27150, and 27600.

30 (f) As used in this section, a vehicle is of historic interest if it  
31 is collected, restored, maintained, and operated by a collector or  
32 hobbyist principally for purposes of exhibition and historic vehicle  
33 club activities.