

Senate Study Bill 3138 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BROWN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing certain motor vehicles to display one
2 registration plate.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.37, subsection 2, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle
4 which is model year 1948 or older, and reconstructed or
5 specially constructed vehicles built to resemble a model year
6 1948 vehicle or older, Notwithstanding subsection 1, any of
7 the following motor vehicles, other than a truck registered
8 for more than five tons, autocycle, motorcycle, or truck
9 tractor, may display one registration plate on the rear of the
10 vehicle if the other registration plate issued to the vehicle
11 is carried in the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is
12 operated on a public highway.:

13 (1) A vintage motor vehicle.

14 (2) A reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle built
15 to resemble a vintage motor vehicle.

16 (3) A limited-production motor vehicle.

17 b. As used in this subsection:

18 (1) "Limited-production motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle
19 with a specific make, model, and trim level, if the trim level
20 has a different engine than the base model, of which ten
21 thousand or fewer vehicles of that make, model, and trim level
22 were manufactured in the year the motor vehicle was produced,
23 as determined by the department.

24 (2) "Vintage motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is
25 model year 1979 or older.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 Under current law, registration plates issued for a motor
30 vehicle other than an autocycle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle,
31 or truck tractor must be attached to the motor vehicle, one
32 in the front and the other in the rear. However, a motor
33 vehicle which is model year 1948 or older, or a reconstructed
34 or specially constructed vehicle built to resemble a model
35 year 1948 or older vehicle, other than a truck registered for

1 more than five tons, autocycle, motorcycle, or truck tractor
2 (autocycles, motorcycles, and truck tractors are all issued
3 only one registration plate), may display one registration
4 plate on the rear of the vehicle if the other registration
5 plate is carried in the vehicle when the vehicle is operated on
6 a public highway.

7 This bill authorizes a vintage motor vehicle, a
8 reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle built to
9 resemble a vintage motor vehicle, and a limited-production
10 motor vehicle to display one registration plate on the rear of
11 the vehicle if the other registration plate is carried in the
12 vehicle when the vehicle is operated on a public highway.

13 The bill defines "vintage motor vehicle" as a motor vehicle
14 which is model year 1979 or older and "limited-production motor
15 vehicle" as a motor vehicle with a specific make, model, and
16 trim level, if the trim level has a different engine than
17 the base model, of which 10,000 or fewer vehicles of that
18 make, model, and trim level were manufactured in the year the
19 motor vehicle was produced, as determined by the department of
20 transportation. The bill makes organizational changes to Code
21 section 321.37(2).