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HOUSE BILL ***1437-FN***

AN ACT relative to registration plates for antique farm tractors.

SPONSORS: Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Pratt, Rock. 3

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill provides for the registration of antique farm tractors by the division of motor vehicles.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 27:1 Motor Vehicles; Definitions; Antique Motor Vehicle, Farm Tractor, or Motorcycle. Amend RSA
2 259:4 to read as follows:

3 259:4 Antique Motor Vehicle, ***Farm Tractor***, or Motorcycle. "Antique motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, or
4 motorcycle" shall mean any motor vehicle, including a truck regardless of its weight, over 25 years old
5 which is maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest,
6 but not for use in commerce. For the purposes of this section, "maintained for use" shall mean a motor
7 vehicle or motorcycle in its original condition or restored to original or better condition and not intended for
8 daily use.

9 27:2 Motor Vehicles; Antique Motor Vehicle, Farm Tractor, Motorcycle, or Trailer Plates. Amend
10 RSA 261:89-a, I to read as follows:

11 I. The director may permit the owner of an antique motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, or motorcycle, as
12 defined in RSA 259:4, or trailer, as defined in paragraph II of this section, to use a registration plate which
13 was issued in the same year that the antique motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, motorcycle, or trailer was
14 manufactured, provided the motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, motorcycle, or trailer is registered as an antique
15 motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, motorcycle, or trailer under this chapter, and the number of the antique plate is
16 recorded with the director. Registration plates issued in the same year that the antique motor vehicle was
17 manufactured may be affixed to both the front and rear of the antique motor vehicle, to either the front or
18 rear of the antique motorcycle, and to the rear of the ***farm tractor or*** antique trailer for any such vehicle
19 with a year of manufacture of 1975 or earlier if the registration plate matching the registration certificate is
20 carried within the antique motor vehicle, so long as the number on the antique plate is not in use on
21 another motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, motorcycle, or trailer. Any antique motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***,
22 motorcycle, or trailer bearing a registration plate with the year of manufacture shall also carry, within it, a
23 valid antique motor vehicle, ***farm tractor***, motorcycle, or trailer registration certificate and a permit issued
24 under this section.

25 27:3 Motor Vehicles; Fees for Registration Permits; Antique Farm Tractors. Amend RSA 261:153,
26 VI(b) to read as follows:

27 (b) The maximum fee charged under this paragraph shall be \$5. The municipality shall
28 establish the required fee, up to the maximum amount allowable, based on anticipated funding needs for
29 transportation improvements. The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and
30 commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor
31 vehicles, ***farm tractors***, or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4.

32 27:4 Rules of the Road; Child Passenger Restraints. Amend RSA 265:107-a, II to read as follows:

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1 II. A person shall not be guilty of a violation of this section if the motor vehicle the person is
2 driving is regularly used to transport passengers for hire, is a school bus weighing more than 10,000
3 pounds or is a school bus weighing less than 10,000 pounds that was manufactured without safety belts,
4 or there is an individualized education program statement contraindicating the use of restraints, is a
5 vehicle manufactured before 1968, is a motorcycle as defined in RSA 259:63, is an antique motor [ear]
6 **vehicle, farm tractor**, or motorcycle as defined in RSA 259:4, or is being operated in a parade authorized
7 by law or ordinance, provided that the parade vehicle is traveling at a speed of no more than 10 miles per
8 hour.

9 27:5 Equipment of Vehicles; Lights, Signals, Flashers, Reflectors, and Flags; Antique Exception.
10 Amend RSA 266:33 to read as follows:

11 266:33 Antique Vehicles Exemption. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 266:44, the tail lamps on
12 antique [motorears] **motor vehicles, farm tractors, or motorcycles** as defined in RSA 259:4 shall be
13 deemed adequate if they display a red light visible for a distance of 100 feet to the rear of such vehicle,
14 and the tail lamp or lamps on such vehicles may be located at a height of more than 72 inches from the
15 ground, provided they were so located at the time of original manufacture of the vehicle.

16 27:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 18, 2022
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