

## TENNESSEE

### **Definitions**

**Antique Motor Vehicle.** A motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) years old with a nonmodified engine and body that is used:

- (A) For participation in, or transportation to and from, club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses as a collector's item;
- (B) On the highways for the purpose of selling, testing the operation of, or obtaining repairs to or maintenance on such motor vehicle; and
- (C) For general transportation on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays.

**Custom-Built Car.** A motor vehicle that is built for private use and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer.

**Essential Parts.** All integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

**Specially Constructed Vehicle.** Every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not materially altered from its original construction.

**Reconstructed Vehicle.** Every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

**Replica.** A custom-built car that is intended to replicate the make, model and year of a manufactured vehicle and whose title clearly identifies the custom-built car as a replica.

## **Tennessee DMV Guidance**

### **Titling a Vehicle (Current Residents)**

Current Tennessee residents can obtain titles for new and used vehicles from their county clerk's office. Applicants must bring:

For new vehicle titles:

- proof of identification and proof of residency
- manufacturer's Statement of Origin;
- new vehicle's invoice; and
- copy of current registration if transferring your license plate.

For used vehicle titles:

- proof of identification and proof of residency
- a valid certificate of title;
- odometer disclosure statement, if applicable; and
- copy of current registration if transferring your license plate.
- Affidavit of Non-Dealer Transfers (For gift, low selling, or lineal relative vehicle transfers)

### **Titling a Vehicle (New Residents or Those Relocating to Tennessee)**

New residents and those relocating to the state can obtain a vehicle title from their local county clerk's office after emissions testing (if it is required by the county). For locations and hours of emissions testing facilities, visit the Department of Environment and Conservation's website. The Vehicle Inspection Program is found under the Air Pollution Control Division.

To obtain a vehicle title, bring:

- proof of identification and proof of residency
- passed emissions certificate (if applicable);
- most current out-of-state registration; and
- either the name and address of lienholder to whom you are making payments OR, in the event of no lienholder, your out-of-state title.

## **Tennessee Laws**

### **From Tennessee Code Annotated:**

#### **T. C. A. § 55-1-106. Essential parts; reconstructed vehicle; specially constructed vehicle**

(a) "Essential parts" means all integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

(b) "Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

(c) "Specially constructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not materially altered from its original construction.

#### **T. C. A. § 55-1-124. Custom-built car**

"Custom-built car" means a motor vehicle that is built for private use and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer.

#### **T. C. A. § 55-3-104. Specially constructed, reconstructed or foreign vehicles**

(a) In the event a vehicle for which an application for a certificate of title is made is a specially constructed, reconstructed or foreign vehicle, this fact shall be stated in the application and with reference to every foreign vehicle that has been registered outside of this state, the owner shall surrender to the county clerk receiving the application all registration plates, registration cards, certificates of title, and other evidence of foreign registration and ownership as may be in the possession or under the control of the owner.

(b) Any foreign certificate of title shall be accepted as evidence of title by the department to the same extent as a certificate of title issued by the department; provided, that when the foreign vehicle is registered in a jurisdiction that does not have a certificate of title law, the department shall accept only a notarized bill of sale, and proper foreign registration as the evidence of title. If foreign registration is dated less than ninety (90) days prior to application for a certificate of title, there shall be, in addition, the next past bill of sale showing ownership to have been transferred to the party seeking to sell the same, or that party's representative, which bill of sale shall likewise be notarized.

#### **T. C. A. § 55-3-130. Custom-built car**

Title to a custom-built car for which no certificate of title has ever been issued by the division may be titled as the make, model and year of the manufactured motor vehicle that the custom-built car most closely resembles; provided, however, that the car is intended to replicate the make, model and year of the manufactured vehicle; and provided further, that the title clearly identifies the custom-built car as a replica.

**T. C. A. § 55-4-134. Replica license plates; violations**

(a) Any replica license plate manufactured or sold in this state purporting to be an official license plate previously issued by the state shall include the language "REPLICA" in at least twenty-four (24) point type on the face of the replica license plate.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor.

**T. C. A. § 55-4-111. Fees; antiques; trailer rentals; mobile homes**

(a)(1) In order to facilitate efficient and uniform enforcement of chapters 1-6 of this title, motor vehicles, excepting such motor vehicles as are constructed for the purpose of transporting tangible personal property or other property, and passenger motor vehicles operating for hire, are classified, and the respective registration taxes imposed are fixed as follows:

Class (A)	Motorcycles or autocycles --- registration fee	\$ 16.75
Class (B)	Passenger motor vehicle and motor home --- registration fee	23.75
Class (C)	Antique vehicles --- registration fee	30.00

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(b)(1) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the commissioner, applying for registration and certifying that the motor vehicle for which registration is being applied is an "antique motor vehicle," the commissioner may issue license plates to owners of antique motor vehicles in accordance with part 2 of this chapter. These license plates shall bear the word "ANTIQUE" in capital letters at the bottom of their plate, and a unique identifying number in the center of the plate. For the purpose of this section, "antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) years old with a nonmodified engine and body that is used:

(A) For participation in, or transportation to and from, club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses as a collector's item;

(B) On the highways for the purpose of selling, testing the operation of, or obtaining repairs to or maintenance on such motor vehicle; and

(C) For general transportation on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays.

(2) This registration shall be valid so long as title to the antique motor vehicle is vested in the applicant, and shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter requiring annual registration.

(3) Any person violating this section, or operating an antique motor vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday or a federal holiday, shall forfeit the antique motor vehicle registration, shall be liable for the regular registration fee for that vehicle, and shall be barred from applying for or holding antique motor vehicle registration for five (5) years from the date of the violation.

(4) The owner or lessee of an antique motor vehicle may display the license plates from an era when the manufacture of such vehicle occurred instead of the current license plates; provided, that current license plates are maintained in the vehicle by the owner or lessee and produced for inspection upon the request of any law enforcement officer.

(5) The department shall permit owners of antique motor vehicles to register an official license plate issued by the state from an era when the manufacture of the vehicle occurred instead of registering for new license plates in accordance with part 2 of this chapter. The vintage license plate shall be displayed on the motor vehicle in accordance with this chapter.

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**T. C. A. § 56-7-1111. Antique vehicles; appraisal**

(a) If, at the request of the insurer, an appraisal of personal property to be insured under an automobile policy insuring an antique automobile is made, then, in the absence of fraud, the appraised value of the property shall be binding on the insurer if the insurer:

(1) Charges and accepts a premium for the policy or endorsement to the policy that is based on the amount of the appraised value; and

(2) Issues a policy or endorsement to the policy that provides coverage of the property in the amount of the appraised value.

(b) This section shall apply only to policies insuring antique automobiles delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state after July 1, 1990.

**T. C. A. § 55-4-202. Issuance; fees**

(a)(1) All cultural, specialty earmarked and new specialty earmarked motor vehicle registration plates, memorial motor vehicle registration plates and special purpose motor vehicle registration plates now, or in the future, shall be issued and renewed pursuant to this part. No

plate, other than those issued under part 1 of this chapter, shall be issued or renewed unless authorized in this part.

(2) For the purposes of this part and part 3 of this chapter, "this part" means this part and part 3 of this chapter.

(b) All plates issued pursuant to this part shall be issued and renewed subject to the following:

(1) Payment of the applicable registration fee, except as specifically provided otherwise by § 55-4-204 or any other applicable provision of this part;

(2) An additional fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to be paid by the applicant upon issuance and renewal, except as specifically provided otherwise by § 55-4-204 or any other applicable provision of this part;

(3)(A) A minimum order of one hundred (100) plates for collegiate plates as defined by § 55-4-201. Collegiate plates for motorcycles, as authorized by § 55-4-210(c), shall be subject to a minimum order of one hundred (100) plates for each classification of collegiate plates;

(B) A minimum order of at least five hundred (500) plates for all other cultural, specialty earmarked and new specialty earmarked plates. Personalized plates for motorcycles, as authorized by § 55-4-210(c), shall be subject to a minimum order of five hundred (500) plates;

(4) A design which shall be approved by the commissioner; and

(5) A handling fee of one dollar (\$1.00) payable to the county clerk upon issuance or renewal of any cultural, specialty earmarked, or new specialty earmarked license plate, except plates exempted from payment of fees under § 55-4-204 or any other applicable provision of this part.

(c)(1) Subsection (b) shall apply equally to the renewal of any plate issued pursuant to this part; provided, that any plate that fails to meet the minimum requirements of subdivision (b)(3) by December 31, 1999, or for two (2) successive renewal periods thereafter shall not be reissued or renewed, and the commissioner shall notify the Tennessee code commission that the section of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of the plate is, on the basis of inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(2) Any cultural or new specialty earmarked plate authorized by statute on or after July 1, 1998, shall be subject to the minimum issuance requirements of subdivision (b)(3).

(3) Any plate authorized by this part that qualifies for initial issuance on or after July 1, 1998, shall be subject to the minimum issuance requirements of subdivision (b)(3).

(d) Any plate authorized by this part that has not qualified for initial issuance by December 31, 1999, shall not be issued and the commissioner shall notify the Tennessee code commission that the section of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of the plate is, on the basis of inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), any plate authorized by statute on or after January 1, 1999, that fails to meet the minimum issuance requirements of subdivision (b)(3)(B) within one (1) year of the effective date of the act authorizing the plate shall not be issued, and the commissioner shall notify the Tennessee code commission that the section of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of the plate is, on the basis of inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(g) Subdivision (b)(3) and subsections (c), (d), (e), (h), and (l) shall not apply to the following plates issued pursuant to this part:

(1) Antique motor vehicle;

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(h)(1) Notwithstanding this part to the contrary, any cultural or new specialty earmarked license plate authorized by statute on or after July 1, 2002, shall be subject to a minimum order of at least one thousand (1,000) plates prior to initial issuance. This subdivision (h)(1) shall apply equally to the renewal of any cultural or new specialty earmarked plate initially issued on or after July 1, 2002. Any such plate that does not meet the minimum order requirements of this subdivision (h)(1) within one (1) year of the effective date of the act authorizing that plate, or does not meet the renewal requirements for any two (2) successive renewal periods thereafter, shall not be issued, reissued or renewed and shall be deemed obsolete and invalid. The commissioner shall annually notify the executive secretary of the Tennessee code commission of the sections of the code authorizing the issuance of plates deemed obsolete and invalid pursuant to this subdivision (h)(1).

(2) Subdivision (h)(1) shall not apply to collegiate plates otherwise administered pursuant to this part; provided, that on and after July 1, 2002, collegiate plates for four-year colleges or universities located outside this state shall be subject to a minimum order of at least one thousand (1,000) plates prior to initial issuance by the department. This subdivision (h)(2) shall apply equally to the renewal of any collegiate plates for four-year colleges or universities located outside this state initially issued by the department on or after July 1, 2002. Any such plate that does not meet the minimum order requirements of this subdivision (h)(2) or does not meet the renewal requirements for any two (2) successive renewal periods, shall not be administratively issued, reissued or renewed by the department and shall be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(3)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, between July 1, 2002, and August 31, 2002, any cultural license plate authorized by § 55-4-240 shall be subject to a minimum order of at least two hundred fifty (250) plates prior to initial issuance. This subdivision (h)(3)(A) shall apply equally to the renewal of any cultural license plate authorized by § 55-4-240 and initially issued between July 1, 2002, and August 31, 2002. Any such plate that does not meet the minimum order requirements of this subdivision (h)(3)(A) or does not meet the renewal requirements for any two (2) successive renewal periods, shall not be

administratively issued, reissued or renewed by the department and shall be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(B) On or after September 1, 2002, any cultural license plate authorized by § 55-4-240 shall be subject to a minimum order of at least one thousand (1,000) plates prior to initial issuance. This subdivision (h)(3)(B) shall apply equally to the renewal of any cultural license plate authorized by § 55-4-240 and initially issued on or after September 1, 2002. Any such plate that does not meet the minimum order requirements of this subdivision (h)(3)(B) or does not meet the renewal requirements for any two (2) successive renewal periods, shall not be administratively issued, reissued or renewed by the department and shall be deemed obsolete and invalid.

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(l)(1) Notwithstanding this part to the contrary, any cultural or new specialty earmarked license plate authorized by statute on or after July 1, 2013, shall be subject to a minimum order of at least one thousand (1,000) plates prior to initial issuance. Any cultural or new specialty earmarked license plate authorized by statute shall be subject to a minimum order of at least eight hundred (800) plates for the renewal of such cultural or new specialty earmarked plates. Any such plate that does not meet the minimum order requirements of this subdivision (l)(1) within one (1) year of the effective date of the act authorizing that plate, or does not meet the renewal requirements for any two (2) successive renewal periods thereafter, shall not be issued, reissued, or renewed and shall be deemed obsolete and invalid. The commissioner shall annually notify the executive secretary of the Tennessee code commission of the sections of the code authorizing the issuance of plates deemed obsolete and invalid pursuant to this subdivision (l)(1).

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#### **T.C.A. § 55-4-203. Categories; registration**

(a) All registration plates issued under this part shall be issued in one (1) of the following categories:

(1) Antique motor vehicle;

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(d)(1) No registration plate shall be issued under this section unless authorized by this part. Registration under this part is supplemental to the motor vehicle title and registration law, compiled in chapters 1-6 of this title, and nothing in this part shall be construed as abridging or amending that law. An applicant with more than one (1) motor vehicle titled or leased in that applicant's name, or applicants with more than one (1) motor vehicle jointly titled and/or leased in their names are entitled to an unlimited number of registration plates under the applicable provision of law, as long as all other special fees and regular costs are paid by the applicant and all requirements set out in parts 1 and 2 of this chapter are followed.



(2) No qualified person shall receive more than one (1) free plate, unless the issuance of additional free plates is specifically authorized by the statute creating the cultural, specialty earmarked or new specialty earmarked plate, memorial plate or special purpose plate.

(e) Registration plates issued to United States judges, United States senators, and members of the United States house of representatives pursuant to subdivisions (a)(9) and (a)(16)-(18) shall be of a distinctive design approved by the department and shall bear, as applicable, the district number of house members, the number "1" or "2" for senators, based on seniority, and the appropriate number for judges, based on seniority of appointment. Unless a conflict exists with other designs, the designs used before July 1, 1984, shall be used.

(f) Whenever a spouse having a cultural, specialty earmarked or new specialty earmarked plate, memorial plate or special purpose plate is divorced and no longer entitled to the plate, the spouse no longer entitled to that plate shall deliver the plate to the county clerk, and the county clerk shall issue a regular plate valid for the same period as the cultural, specialty earmarked or new specialty earmarked plate, memorial plate or special purpose plate.

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## Tennessee Equipment Exemptions

From Tennessee Code Annotated:

### T. C. A. § 55-9-402. Motor vehicles

(a)(1) Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, road roller, road machinery or farm tractor shall be equipped with at least two (2) and not more than four (4) headlights, with at least one (1) on each side of the front of the motor vehicle. No nonemergency vehicle shall operate or install emergency flashing light systems, such as strobe, wig-wag, or other flashing lights within the headlight assembly or grill area of the vehicle; provided, however, that a school bus may operate a flashing, wig-wag lighting system within the headlight assembly of the vehicle when the vehicle's visual stop signs are actuated for receiving or discharging school children.

(2) Auxiliary road lighting lamps may be used, but not more than two (2) of the lamps shall be lighted at any one (1) time in addition to the two (2) required headlights.

(3) No spotlight or auxiliary lamp shall be so aimed upon approaching another vehicle that any part of the high intensity portion of the beam therefrom is directed beyond the left side of the motor vehicle upon which the spotlight or auxiliary lamp is mounted, nor more than one hundred feet (100') ahead of the motor vehicle.

(b)(1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with two (2) red tail lamps and two (2) red stoplights on the rear of the vehicle, and one (1) tail lamp and one (1) stoplight shall be on each side, except that passenger cars **manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1939**, trucks **manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1968**, and motorcycles and motor-driven cycles shall have at least one (1) red tail lamp and one (1) red stoplight. No nonemergency vehicle shall operate or install emergency flashing light systems such as strobe, wig-wag, or other flashing lights in tail light lamp, stoplight area, or factory installed emergency flasher and backup light area; provided, however, that the foregoing prohibition shall not apply to the utilization of a continuously flashing light system. For the purposes of this part, "continuously flashing light system" means a brake light system in which the brake lamp pulses rapidly for no more than five (5) seconds when the brake is applied, and then converts to a continuous light as a normal brake lamp until the time that the brake is released.

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### T. C. A. § 55-9-601. Requirement; specifications

(a)(1) It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer from or to Tennessee residents, at retail, an automobile that is **manufactured or assembled commencing with the 1964 models**, unless the automobile is equipped with safety belts installed for use in the left front and right front seats.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer from or to Tennessee residents, at retail, a passenger motor vehicle that is manufactured or assembled commencing with the 1969 models, unless the passenger motor vehicle is equipped with safety belts installed for use in every designated seating position of the motor vehicle.

(b) All such safety belts shall be of a type and be installed in a manner approved by the department of safety. The department shall establish specifications and requirements of approved types of safety belts and attachments. The department shall accept, as approved, all seat belt installations and the belt and anchor meeting the specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

(c) As used in this section, unless specified otherwise, "passenger car" or "passenger motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five hundred pounds (8,500 lbs.) or less that is not used as a public or livery conveyance for passengers. "Passenger car" or "passenger motor vehicle" does not apply to motor vehicles that are not required by federal law to be equipped with safety belts.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(e) No court costs shall be imposed or assessed against anyone convicted of a violation of this section.



## Instructions for Application for Motor Vehicle Certification (Rebuilt Vehicle)

### REQUIREMENTS:

Complete application

Provide supporting documentation:

- Outstanding Salvage Certificate
- Color photographs of the vehicle in its damaged condition, showing each quadrant.
- Receipts for all parts replaced as indicated on this form. The receipts must show the year, make, and identification number of the vehicle from which they were taken. The receipts must show the complete name and mailing address of the buyer(s) and seller(s). If the parts used were aftermarket or new, it must be indicated on the receipt.

Include payment

- Make check or money order payable to the Tennessee Department of Revenue.
  - Individuals must submit a conversion fee of \$75.
  - Licensed dealers must submit a conversion fee and an Application for Title, with a total fee of \$85.50.

Submit:

- Mail application, supporting documentation and payment to: Tennessee Dept. of Revenue, Vehicle Services Division, 44 Vantage Way - Suite 160, Nashville, TN 37243-8050.

### NEXT STEPS:

*For Dealers:* If an application is approved and the vehicle is subject to inspection prior to issuance of a title branded rebuilt, an agent with our Special Investigation Unit will contact the applicant to inspect the vehicle. If the vehicle passes inspection, the agent will give the applicant the title branded rebuilt and the decal proving the vehicle passed inspection. If an application is approved and the vehicle is not subject to inspection, a decal and certificate of title branded rebuilt will be mailed directly to the dealership. Rejected applicants will be informed of missing requirements. The vehicle cannot be titled/registered or sold by a dealer until final approval is received.

*For Individuals:* If an application is approved and the vehicle is subject to inspection prior to issuance of a title branded rebuilt, an agent with our Special Investigation Unit will contact the applicant to inspect the vehicle. If the vehicle passes inspection the agent will give the applicant a decal proving the vehicle passed inspection and a letter to take to the county clerk stating that the vehicle can be issued a title branded rebuilt from the clerk. If an application is approved and the vehicle is not subject to inspection prior to issuance of a title branded rebuilt, an approval letter and decal are mailed directly to the applicant. The applicant must submit the approval letter to the county clerk and apply for a certificate of title branded rebuilt. Applicants whose applications are rejected will be informed of missing requirements.

**NOTE:** All vehicles for which applications are submitted may be subject to inspection by an agent with the Special Investigations Section.

**QUESTIONS:** Call 615-741-3101 or submit an online ticket via Revenue Help at [www.tn.gov/revenue](http://www.tn.gov/revenue).



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**CERTIFICATION FOR ANTIQUE VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

**NOTE TO APPLICANT: READ INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM CAREFULLY  
 TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*County*

*State*

*Zip Code*

**Vehicle Make**

**Vehicle Year and Model**

**Complete VIN/Serial Number**

*For use when registering with a **Vintage Tennessee License Plate**  
 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-111 still applies)*

**Requested Vintage Plate Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Plate Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** From 1912 to 1962, Tennessee issued new metal plates each year. Vehicles manufactured during these years would use a specific official Tennessee license plate issued in that particular vehicle's year of manufacture.

Vehicles with model years from 1963 to 1987 may register their antique motor vehicle using a corresponding official Tennessee license plate issued in 1962, 1966, 1971, 1984 or 1986.

If you are unsure which vintage plate is proper to use, please contact your county clerk or the Tennessee Department of Revenue directly at (615) 741-3101.

**Certification Statement**

I certify that I am the owner of the above described vehicle, which is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and will be used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and similar uses, but in no event for general transportation, unless otherwise authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. Section 55-4-111. I further certify that upon the transfer of my interest in the vehicle, if the license plate with which my antique vehicle is registered is a vintage official Tennessee plate, and therefore my personal property, it will be removed; otherwise the antique plate issued by the State of Tennessee will be surrendered to my county clerk.

**Certification Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE LAW

**Antique Motor Vehicles.** Per Tennessee Code Ann. § 55-4-111, a person may register a vehicle as an “antique motor vehicle” providing that certain requirements are satisfied. The vehicle:

- Must be a motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) years old and have a non-modified engine and body,
- Can be used for participation in, or transportation to and from, club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses as a collector’s item,
- Can only be used for **general transportation** on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays.
- Can be used on any day for the purpose of selling, vehicle testing, or obtaining repairs to or doing maintenance on the vehicle.

**Note:** Both cars and motorcycles may be considered antique motor vehicles, if all provisions are met as stated above.

**No renewal required.** The registration is a **permanent registration** and is not required to be renewed annually. Once assigned, the license plate cannot be reassigned to another vehicle.

**Violations.** Any person violating the provisions of Tennessee Code Ann. 55-4-111 will be restricted from participating in Tennessee Antique Motor Vehicle plate program for five (5) years from the date of the violation, will be asked to surrender the license plate and will be required to pay the full vehicle registration price for operating the vehicle. An example of a violation would be operating the vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday.

**Display of the antique motor vehicle plate.** The antique plate can be mounted on the rear of the vehicle or the owner may display, on the rear of the vehicle, a license plate from an era when the manufacturer of such vehicle occurred, as long as the antique vehicle license plate is maintained in the vehicle and is readily accessible and produced upon request of any law enforcement officer.

**Vintage License Plates.** Instead of registering a vehicle with the standard antique motor vehicle plate, a person may choose to register an antique motor vehicle with an official vintage Tennessee license plate of the era when the vehicle was manufactured, and may display that license plate as their official Tennessee vehicle registration on the rear of the vehicle. Provisions for vintage plates also apply to motorcycles. Please see the chart below to determine the proper plate for the antique vehicle:

Model Year	Plate Year
1912-1962	Same as model year. Plates produced each year.
1963-1965	1962
1966-1970	1966
1971-1976	1971
1977-1983	1977
1984-1985	1984
1986-1987	1986
1988-1993	1988

All other provisions of Tennessee Code Ann. 55-4-111 must be followed to avoid forfeiture of the registrant’s antique license plate privileges.

**Cost of registration.** Class (C) Antique Vehicles - registration fee is \$32.75, plus any applicable county fees.