

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO CUSTOM VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49,
2 IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-408A, IDAHO CODE, TO
3 PROVIDE FOR CUSTOM VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; AND AMENDING SECTION 49-428,
4 IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN EXEMPTION FOR THE DISPLAY OF CUSTOM
5 VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 49-408A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 49-408A. CUSTOM VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any motor vehicle that
12 is a replica vehicle pursuant to section 49-123(2)(n), Idaho Code, and is
13 designed and manufactured to resemble a vehicle or motorcycle that would
14 qualify for Idaho classic license plates pursuant to section 49-406A, Idaho
15 Code, may be registered as a custom vehicle under the provisions of this
16 section. The provisions of this section do not apply to any vehicle with a
17 registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

18 (2) A vehicle must be in compliance with Idaho law with respect to its
19 equipment and operating condition to qualify for a custom vehicle license
20 plate under this section.

21 (3) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the depart-
22 ment for a custom vehicle license plate, accompanied by other documentation
23 that may be required to verify that a vehicle qualifies under this section,
24 the department shall issue to the applicant a custom vehicle license plate
25 that shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The registration cer-
26 tificate need not specify the weight of the custom vehicle. The license
27 plate issued shall bear no date but shall bear the inscription "Custom Ve-
28 hicle," "Idaho," and the registration number issued for the custom vehicle,
29 and the license plate shall be valid upon annual renewal under section 49-402
30 or 49-434(1), Idaho Code, as long as the vehicle is in existence. The license
31 plate will be issued for the applicant's use only for the particular vehicle,
32 and, in the event of a transfer of title, the transferor may hold the license
33 plate and transfer it to another qualifying custom vehicle.

34 (4) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section
35 49-402(1) or 49-434(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial pro-
36 gram fee and the annual program fee specified in section 49-402, Idaho Code.
37 All revenues from the initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be
38 deposited in the state highway account.

39 (5) The department has the power to revoke any registration issued un-
40 der this section for cause shown for failure of the applicant to comply with
41 the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. That Section 49-428, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 49-428. DISPLAY OF PLATE AND STICKERS. (1) License plates assigned to
4 a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the
5 rear, with the exception of the following:

6 (a) The license plate assigned to a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle,
7 utility type vehicle, motorbike or semitrailer and the license plate
8 assigned to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer, repossession
9 agent or dealer shall be attached to the rear.

10 (b) Vehicles displaying year of manufacture, old timer, classic car, ~~or~~
11 street rod, or custom vehicle license plates shall be allowed to display
12 one (1) plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.

13 (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the
14 front.

15 (d) The wrecker plate shall be displayed on the vehicle being towed in
16 such a manner as to be visible when the vehicle being towed is approached
17 from the rear.

18 License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year. The
19 annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be dis-
20 played on each license plate, except for trailers, semitrailers, and commer-
21 cial vehicles over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds under the provisions
22 of sections 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho Code. For the purposes of this title,
23 the license plates together with the registration stickers shall be consid-
24 ered as license plates for the year designated on the registration sticker.

25 (2) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the
26 vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at
27 a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from
28 the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible,
29 and ~~shall~~ be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be
30 clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to
31 the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4),
32 Idaho Code.