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Transportation Committee
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building
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Subject: Endorsement of Senate Bill 557, "An Act Concerning the Display of "Antique" Motor Vehicle Number Plates on "Modified" Antique Motor Vehicles"

Dear State Senator/Representative:

The Connecticut Council of Car Clubs (4C's) is an association of approximately 35 car clubs in Connecticut. The 4C's membership also consists of individual automotive hobbyists. The 4C's Board of Directors are all volunteers.

The 4C's endorses Senate Bill 557 formalizing the existing Department of Motor Vehicles standard practice of issuing antique plates to any antique motor vehicle, including those with modifications. Modified antique motor vehicles have been issued antique plates for many years. This bill ensures that modified antique motor vehicles will be able to continue to retain those antique plates.

Public Act 08-150 extended the maximum property tax assessed value to any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. Prior to Public Act 08-150, the maximum assessed value applied to any motor vehicle with antique plates. This change has inadvertently introduced some ambiguity regarding whether the maximum assessed value applies to an antique vehicle. The 4C's requests that the previous language identifying that the maximum assessed value applies any motor vehicle with antique plates be reinstated.

In the attachment we have provided a proposed mark-up of the existing statutes to implement Senate Bill 557. The 4C's would be happy to discuss any aspects of the Attachment with representatives of the Transportation Committee or the Department of Motor Vehicles. Feel free to contact me at (860)716-0127 or dabajumpaa@aol.com.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Bajumpaa".

Dave Bajumpaa
Connecticut Council of Car Clubs

Attachment: Senate Bill 557: Proposed Markup of CT Statutes

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OF “ANTIQUÉ” MOTOR VEHICLE
NUMBER PLATES ON “MODIFIED” ANTIQUÉ MOTOR VEHICLES**

Sec. 14-20 Number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles or modified antique motor vehicles. Issuance of number plates corresponding to year of manufacture.

Registration.

Regulations. (a) The commissioner may issue special number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles or modified antique motor vehicles, such special number plates to be issued on a permanent basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle or modified antique motor vehicle may use such owner's own porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by the commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the department, and (2) such owner files with the commissioner a description and the number of such plate and any additional information the commissioner may require.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, section 14-18 and section 14-21b, the owner of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle or modified antique motor vehicle may be authorized by the commissioner to display a number plate originally issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of manufacture of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle or modified antique motor vehicle. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration, as provided in section 14-12. Such registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as long as the commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number and number plates, if any, which were

assigned to such motor vehicle before such registration and number plates were issued under this section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration, unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

Section 12-71 (b)

(b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the listing of real estate for the same year, except that any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle or modified antique motor vehicle as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act or any motor vehicle for which number plates have been issued under Section 14-20, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars.