



Connecticut Council of Car Clubs
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Transportation Committee
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Subject: Opposition to the Portion of House Bill 5164, "An Act Concerning Revisions to the Motor Vehicle Laws," that eliminates the use of Year of Manufacture Plates.

Dear State Senator/Representative:

The Connecticut Council of Car Clubs (4C's) is an association of approximately 35 Connecticut Car Clubs that monitors legislation in the state. The 4C's membership also consists of approximately 50 individual members. The 4C's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer automotive hobbyists.

The 4C's is opposed to the portion of House Bill 5164 that eliminates the use of year of manufacture registration plates on antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles. The history of motor vehicle registration plates in Connecticut is considerable. Excellent compendiums of this history are available at <http://www.ctplates.info> and <http://www.ctmarkerhistory.org>. Maintaining the ability of antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles to display year of manufacture plates helps preserve this history.

In 2000, the 4C's was the group behind the effort to allow the use of year of manufacture plates (Public Act 00-169, Section 21). The 4C's is not aware of the reason that the elimination of the use of year of manufacture plates is being proposed as part of House Bill 5164. We would ask that this proposed elimination be taken off the table for 2012 Legislative Session to give us an opportunity to work with DMV to understand the problem(s) these plates are causing, and to see if an alternative to elimination of the use of year of manufacture plates is possible. We are optimistic that an alternative to elimination of the use of year of manufacture plates is possible, since their use is allowed in several other states.

The 4C's respectfully requests that the Transportation Committee delete the portion of House Bill 5164 that eliminates the use of year of manufacture plates on antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles.

Very Truly Yours,

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

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