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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for the opportunity to speak today on Senate Bill 630.

Current law provides for a special category of vehicle registration for special interest vehicles, commonly known as “collector vehicles” and “antique vehicles.” Collector vehicles are those which are at least 20 years old, have not been altered, and are being preserved for their historic interest. Antique vehicles are those which have a model year of 1945 or earlier and have not been altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications.

Antique vehicles can only be driven for special occasions, such as display and parade purposes. Additionally, owners of antique vehicles have the option to display a historical plate – a plate from or representing the model year of the vehicle – as long as the registration and plates issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) are simultaneously carried inside the vehicle and made available for inspection.

This bill allows owners of collector vehicles to display a historical plate on their vehicle, but only if three conditions are fulfilled:

1. The vehicle was manufactured before 1979.
2. The vehicle is being operated to or from a car show or parade.
3. The registration and plates issued by the DOT are simultaneously carried inside the vehicle and made available for inspection.

This bill treats display requirements for historical plates on qualifying collector vehicles in the same manner as current law treats display requirements for historical plates on antique vehicles.

In short, Senate Bill 630 makes it easier for owners of certain collector vehicles to take their cars to parades and car shows. By allowing owners to display a historical plate during such events, we are helping them preserve the historical and cultural value of these vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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