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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1749**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-734, 46.2-746.7, and 46.2-746.9 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 46.2-746.2:2.2, 46.2-746.2:5, 46.2-746.4:01, 46.2-746.8:2, 46.2-749.28:2, 46.2-749.30:1, 46.2-749.30:2, 46.2-749.36:1, 46.2-749.43:1, 46.2-749.44, 46.2-749.49, 46.2-749.50 through 46.2-749.53, 46.2-749.55, 46.2-749.56, 46.2-749.57, 46.2-749.59, 46.2-749.63, 46.2-749.64, 46.2-749.65, 46.2-749.67, 46.2-749.69:1 through 46.2-749.72, 46.2-749.74 through 46.2-749.77, 46.2-749.79, 46.2-749.82, 46.2-749.83, 46.2-749.98:1, 46.2-749.101, 46.2-749.104, 46.2-749.106, 46.2-749.107, 46.2-749.109, 46.2-749.113, 46.2-749.114, 46.2-749.116, and 46.2-749.117 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates as to which application deadlines and minimums have not been met.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 46.2-734, 46.2-746.7, and 46.2-746.9 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-734. Reconstructed and specially constructed vehicles; inspection requirements; storage of unlicensed vehicles; use.

A. On receipt of an application therefor and written evidence that the applicant is a hobbyist and is registering a reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle built, reconstructed, restored, preserved, and maintained for historic or hobby interest, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant one special license plate, which shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. *The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this section.*

For the purposes of this section, "hobbyist" means the owner of one or more reconstructed or specially constructed vehicles who collects, purchases, acquires, trades, or disposes of reconstructed or specially constructed vehicles or parts thereof for his own use in order to build, reconstruct, restore, preserve, and maintain a reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle for historic or hobby interest.

B. These vehicles shall be titled according to their chassis numbers or, if no chassis number exists, then by their motor serial numbers. The vehicles shall meet inspection requirements applicable to the model year shown on the registration certificate.

C. A hobbyist may store unlicensed, operable or inoperable, vehicles on his property provided the vehicles and the outdoor storage area are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from ordinary public view by a fence, rapidly growing trees, shrubbery, billboards or other appropriate means. The hobbyist shall, however, not be exempt from local zoning ordinances governing the storage of these vehicles.

D. Vehicles registered under this section shall not be used for general transportation purposes, including but not limited to daily travel to and from the owner's place of employment, but shall only be used (i) for participation in hobbyist vehicle exhibits and similar limited-use events and (ii) on the highways of the Commonwealth for the purpose of testing their operation, obtaining repairs or maintenance, and transportation to and from events as described in this subsection.

§ 46.2-746.7. Special license plates for members of certain civic and fraternal organizations.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of such organization, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the following organizations: the Exchange Club, the Jaycees, the Kiwanis, the Lions of Virginia, ~~Optimist International~~, Rotary International, Ruritan National, the Freemasons, the Shriners, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Knights of Columbus, and college and university fraternities and sororities.

No license plates shall be developed and issued for college or university fraternities or sororities until the Commissioner receives 350 or more prepaid applications and a design for each new series. All other license plates authorized under this section shall be subject to the development and issuance provisions of subdivision B 1 of § 46.2-725.

§ 46.2-746.9. Special license plates for certain occupations.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a ~~printer~~, magistrate, pharmacist, or postmaster, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to the applicant.

**2. That §§ 46.2-746.2:2.2, 46.2-746.2:5, 46.2-746.4:01, 46.2-746.8:2, 46.2-749.28:2, 46.2-749.30:1,**

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63 46.2-749.109, 46.2-749.113, 46.2-749.114, 46.2-749.116, and 46.2-749.117 of the Code of Virginia are  
64 repealed.