

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1049 of the Code of Virginia, relating to antique vehicle exhaust*  
3 *systems; noise.*

4 [H 1551]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-1049 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-1049. Exhaust system in good working order.**

9 No person shall drive and no owner of a vehicle shall permit or allow the operation of any such  
10 vehicle on a highway unless it is equipped with an exhaust system in good working order and in  
11 constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual levels of noise; provided however, that for motor  
12 vehicles, such exhaust system shall be of a type installed as standard factory equipment, or comparable  
13 to that designed for use on the particular vehicle as standard factory equipment. An exhaust system shall  
14 not be deemed to prevent excessive or unusual noise if it permits the escape of noise in excess of that  
15 permitted by the standard factory equipment exhaust system of private passenger motor vehicles or  
16 trucks of standard make.

17 The term "exhaust system," as used in this section, means all the parts of a vehicle through which  
18 the exhaust passes after leaving the engine block, including mufflers and other sound dissipative devices.

19 Chambered pipes are not an effective muffling device to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and any  
20 vehicle equipped with chambered pipes shall be deemed in violation of this section.

21 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) *any antique motor vehicle manufactured prior to*  
22 *1950, provided the engine is comparable to that designed as standard factory equipment for use on that*  
23 *particular vehicle, and the exhaust system is in good working order, or (ii) converted electric vehicles.*

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