

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1175

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Regulating street rods.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Cairnes, O'Brien, DeBolt, Dunshee, Schindler, Morris, Koster, Cooper, G. Chandler, Mulliken, Benson, Mielke, Stensen, Carrell, Ogden, Dunn and McIntire.

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**Background:**

A street rod is a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, that is either (1) manufactured before 1949, or (2) built or reconstructed with major parts manufactured before 1949.

In addition to being pre-1949 in origin, a street rod is modified in its body style or design through the use of non-original or reproduced parts. Examples include modifications to the frame, drive train, engine, suspension, or brakes that in no way affect the vehicle's safety or road-worthiness.

A person may not operate a motor vehicle that is not equipped with fenders or splash aprons that prevent mud or water from spraying off the roadway to the rear of the car. A motor vehicle that is 40 years old or older and owned/operated primarily as a collector's item does not need fenders when driven in fair weather on a well-maintained, hard surface road.

**Summary:**

A street rod vehicle is defined as a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, that is (1) manufactured before 1949, (2) assembled or reconstructed with major parts manufactured before 1949, or (3) assembled or manufactured after 1949 to resemble a pre-1949 vehicle.

In addition to having one of these historical characteristics, a street rod must also be (1) modified in its body style with non-original or reproduced parts, or (2) constructed from non-original materials, or altered dimensionally or in shape and appearance different from the original manufactured body.

A motor vehicle that is either (1) forty years old or older, or (2) a street rod vehicle that is owned/operated primarily as a collector's item, does not need to be equipped with fenders.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 97 0

Senate 45 2

**Effective:** July 25, 1999