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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to adding retired fire apparatus (fire trucks) to antique vehicle exemptions.

SPONSORS: Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13; Rep. Foote, Rock. 13; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Sen. Birdsell,
Dist 19; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill integrates "retired fire apparatus" into the definition of antique vehicles. It also specifies exemptions and regulations for their use, similar to other antique vehicles.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 49:1 Antique Motor Vehicle, Farm Tractor, Retired Fire Apparatus, or Motorcycle. Amend RSA 259:4
2 to read as follows:

3 259:4 Antique Motor Vehicle, Farm Tractor, ***Retired Fire Apparatus***, or Motorcycle. "Antique motor
4 vehicle, farm tractor, ***retired fire apparatus***, or motorcycle" shall mean any motor vehicle, including a truck
5 regardless of its weight, over 25 years old, ***and in the case of a retired fire apparatus, over 20 years old***,
6 which is maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest,
7 but not for use in commerce. For the purposes of this section, "maintained for use" shall mean a motor
8 vehicle, ***retired fire apparatus***, or motorcycle in its original condition or restored to original or better
9 condition and not intended for daily use.

10 49:2 Equipment Prohibited; Sirens. Amend RSA 266:73 to read as follows:

11 266:73 Sirens. It shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to be driven on the ways of this state
12 equipped with a siren. The provisions of this section shall not apply to such emergency vehicles as
13 police, fire department, fire patrol, state department of corrections vehicles, ***retired fire apparatuses as***
14 ***defined under RSA 259:4***, nor to those law enforcement officers or volunteer members of fire departments
15 nor to public or private ambulances.

16 49:3 Emergency Lights and Warning Lights; Red Lights Restricted to Police, Fire, and Rescue
17 Vehicles. Amend RSA 266:78-c, I to read as follows:

18 I. Emergency response vehicles owned or leased by municipal, village district, or federal fire
19 departments and forestry departments, ***and retired fire apparatuses***.

20 49:4 Lights, Signals, Flashers, Reflectors and Flags; Antique Vehicles Exemption. Amend RSA
21 266:33 to read as follows:

22 266:33 Antique Vehicles Exemption. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 266:44, the tail lamps on
23 antique motor vehicles, farm tractors, ***retired fire apparatuses***, or motorcycles as defined in RSA 259:4
24 shall be deemed adequate if they display a red light visible for a distance of 100 feet to the rear of such
25 vehicle, and the tail lamp or lamps on such vehicles may be located at a height of more than 72 inches
26 from the ground, provided they were so located at the time of original manufacture of the vehicle.

27 49:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 29, 2025
Effective Date: July 28, 2025

