

Antique Vehicle Restoration; HB 2594

HB 2594 creates an exemption in law related to vehicle identification number (VIN) offenses for antique vehicles.

Except under certain circumstances, Kansas law prohibits the destruction, removal, alteration, or defacing of a VIN when no part of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer has been stolen and a VIN has been assigned. Any law enforcement officer with knowledge of a vehicle having such a VIN is directed by law to seize and take possession of the motor vehicle or trailer, and the seized vehicle is classified as an article of contraband subject to destruction.

The bill creates an exception from the prohibition when a person removes and reinstalls a VIN or manufacturer's serial number on an antique vehicle, defined in continuing law as a vehicle more than 35 years old, if:

- The removal and reinstallation are necessary for the repair or restoration of the antique vehicle;
- The manufacturer's serial number or VIN is immediately reinstalled after the repair or restoration is complete; and
- The person does not know or has no reason to know that the antique vehicle is stolen.

The bill takes effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.