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BILL NUMBER: HB 1304

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Titles for Vintage Vehicles.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Sweet

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a procedure for applying for bonded certificates of title for vintage motor vehicles. It requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to amend the Indiana Administrative Code to make a conforming amendment. It also provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally provides false information to receive a bonded certificate of title commits fraud involving a bonded certificate of title, a Level 6 felony.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Vintage Motor Vehicle Titles:* The bill will increase the workload of the BMV to amend administrative code and provide a specific titling process for vintage motor vehicles. The BMV currently offers titles in special circumstances, which include rebuilt motor vehicles, salvage motor vehicles, “barn finds”, and classic motor vehicles. Increases in agency workload are expected to be accomplished within existing resource and funding levels.

Penalty Provision: The bill establishes a Level 6 felony for individuals who commit fraud concerning a bonded certificate of title for vintage motor vehicles. A Level 6 felony is punishable by a prison term ranging from 6 to 30 months, with an advisory sentence of 1 year. The sentence depends on mitigating and aggravating circumstances. Assuming offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the marginal cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$4,825 annually, or \$13.22 daily, per prisoner. However, any additional expenditures are likely to be small.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary* - The bill could (1) increase state revenue from vintage title fee requests but also (2) impact revenue distributions to the State Highway Fund (via the Motor Vehicle Highway Account and the Highway Road and Street Fund), Crossroads 2000 Fund, BMV Technology Fund, Integrated Public Safety Commission Fund, and the BMV Commission Fund. The bill could also increase state revenue from criminal fines and court fees for Level 6 felony convictions for providing false information on a vintage title application. The bill’s overall net impact on state revenue is expected to be minimal.

Additional Information - Vintage Motor Vehicle Titles: The bill sets the title fee for vintage motor vehicles at the same rate as a standard title offering (\$15), but (1) with different distributions to three state funds during CY 2026 and (2) greater than the fee for a salvage motor vehicle title (\$4). The following table shows the fee distribution for a standard title, salvage titles, and how the fee distribution changes for vintage title between CY 2026 and CY 2027.

Fund	Standard Title Fee	Salvage Title Fee	Vintage Title Fee CY 2026	Vintage Title Fee CY 2027
Motor Vehicle Highway Account	\$3.25	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$3.25
Highway Road and Street			\$3.00	
Crossroads 2000 Fund	\$5.00		\$5.00	\$5.00
BMV Technology Fund	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$0.50
Integrated Public Safety	\$1.25		\$1.25	\$1.25
BMV Commission Fund	\$5.00		\$4.25	\$5.00
Total	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

To the extent an individual requests a vintage motor vehicle title instead of a salvage motor vehicle title, the bill would increase overall state revenue, but (1) decrease distributions to the Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA), (2) increase revenue to the Crossroads 2000 Fund, BMV Technology Fund, Integrated Public Safety Commission Fund, and the BMV Commission Fund, and (3) increase revenue to the Highway Road and Street Fund during CY 2026 only.

Additionally during CY 2026, to the extent both a standard title and vintage motor vehicle title are available for specific vehicles, for those individuals who select a vintage motor vehicle title instead of a standard title, (1) revenue to the MVHA would decrease, (2) revenue to the Highway Road and Street Account would increase, and (3) revenue to the BMV Commission Fund would decrease. The bill's overall net impact on state revenue from title fees is expected to be minimal.

Penalty Provision: If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from criminal fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Level 6 felony is \$10,000. The total fee revenue per case would range between \$113 and \$138. The amount of court fees deposited will vary depending on whether the case is filed in a court of record or a municipal court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in criminal, juvenile, and civil violation cases.](#)

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Vintage Motor Vehicle Titles:* The bill could increase local law enforcement workload to provide inspections for vintage motor vehicles. Increases in workload could be offset with the collection of inspection fees, which are set as a maximum of \$5 under the bill.

Penalty Provision: If more defendants are detained in county jails prior to their court hearings, local expenditures for jail operations may increase. However, any additional expenditures would likely be small.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Vintage Motor Vehicle Titles:* The bill could increase local revenue received from vintage motor vehicle inspection fees. Local units of government also receive revenue distributions of MVHA and Highway Road and Street Account funds based on a formula using vehicle

registrations, population, and lane miles. Increases in state revenue deposited in the MVHA and Highway Road and Street Account will increase local revenue, however any increase in local revenue is expected to be minimal.

Penalty Provision: If additional court actions result in a guilty verdict, certain local units will collect more revenue. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in criminal, juvenile, and civil violation cases.](#)

State Agencies Affected: BMV, Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: <https://www.in.gov/bmv/titles/special-titling-circumstances/> Indiana Sheriffs' Association, Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual; Department of Correction; Indiana Gateway for Government Units, 2023 Annual Financial Reports, <https://gateway.ifionline.org/public/download.aspx> Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2023 Annual Survey of Jails Data Series, <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/NACJD/series/7>.

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