



HB 303

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

"An Act Relating to the Titling of Legally Imported Motor Vehicles; and
Providing for an Effective Date"

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Background

- Federal law allows vehicles at least 25 years old (on a rolling average) to be legally imported into the United States (*49 U.S.C. § 30112(b)(9)*).
- These imported motor vehicles do not have to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.
- Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regulations (*2 AAC 92.020(a)(2)(A–B)*) currently use a static year (1981 or newer) to qualify vehicles to be registered.
- Alaska is part of a small group of states with this strict threshold for registration of older vehicles (California, Hawaii, and Rhode Island being the others).

Proposed Solution

- If passed, HB 303 would move to a rolling 25-year threshold of eligible vehicles to be registered that are legally imported.
- A change in this regulation would result in the lifting of an unnecessary bureaucratic hurdle and ensures that Alaskans have the same rights as other Americans to own and operate classic imported vehicles.
- Notably - the Alaska DMV is also currently in the process of making this change through regulation.



Questions?