COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE

March 1, 1978

D. C. Law 2-41

"Historic Motor Vehicle Act of 1977"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, (P. L. 93-198) the Act, the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 2-83, on first and second readings July 26, 1977 and September 13, 1977, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on November 2, 1977, the legislation was assigned Act No. 2-97, published in the November 11, 1977, edition of the D.C. Register and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional review period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D.C. Law 2-41, effective February 25, 1978.

STERLING TUCKER Chairman of the Council

(Vol. 24, D. C. Register, 3629, November II, 1977)

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significance, has not been substantially altered or modified from the manufacturer's original specifications and is used on the public highways for the transportation of passengers or property in conjunction with exhibitions, expositions, parades, tours, club activities, or similar activities or events, including transportation directly to or from such activities or events, but in no event used for general transportation. Motor vehicles which are less than twenty-five (25) years old but which are fifteen (15) or more years old and which qualify as historic motor vehicles shall include but not be limited to the following makes which are no longer manufactured: Kaisar, Eudson, DeSoto, Mash, Edsel, Studebaker and Packard.".

(b) The paragraph describing "Class F" in section 3(b) is agended to read as follows:

"Class F. For each motor vehicle classified by the Mayor or his or her designated agent as an historic motor vehicle which meets the criteria established under section 1(k) of Title I7 of the 'District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937', approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 680; D.C. Code, sec. 40-101), £9.00.".

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- Sec. 3. Section 2 of the "District of Columbia Botorized Bicycle Act", effective April 7, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-
- (a) striking "(27)" each place it appears in subsection
 (a) and inserting in lieu thereof "(31)";
- (b) striking "(28)" each place it appears in subsection (2) (b) and inserting in lieu thereof "(32)"; and
- (c) striking "(29)", "(58)", "(30)", "(59)", "(28)" and "(30)" in subsection (3) (c) and inserting in lieu thereof ."(33)", "(65)", "(34)", "(66)", "(32)" and "(33)", respectively.
 - Sec. 4. Title 32 of the <u>District of Columbia Rules and</u>

 Regulations is amended as follows:
 - (a) Section 1.301 of Part C of Chapter I is apended by:
 - (1) renumbering subsections (24) through (66) as subsections (25) through (67), respectively; and
 - (2) inserting immediately after subsection (23) the following new subsection (24):
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- (b) The paragraph describing "Class F" in Part II of Appendix A of Chapter III is amended to read as follows:

 "Class F. Historic Motor Vehicles....9.00*".
 - (c) Chapter IV is abended as follows:
 - (1) Section 4.202 of Part B is amended by:
 - (A) redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

- (B) inserting inmediately after subsection
- (d) a new subsection (e) to read as follows:
- "(e) All motor vehicles registered in the District as 'historic motor vehicles' shall be inspected at the time of initial registration, but after such initial inspection such vehicles shall be exempt from periodic inspections by the Department."; and
 - (2) Section 4.204(a) is amended by adding immediately after the words "special use paper tags," the words "historic motor vehicle tags".
- (d) Part A of Chapter VI is amended by adding immediately at the end thereof the following new section 6.104:

"Section 6.104 - HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLES.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this
Chapter the following rules and regulations (except as
otherwise hereinafter provided by the Director for
safety reasons) shall govern the requirements for
vehicle equipment on historic notor vehicles being
operated on the streets and highways of the District in
conjunction with exhibitions, expositions, parades,
tours, club activities or similar activities or events,
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- "(1) The provisions contained in section 4.201 of Chapter IV and in section 6.102(a) of this Chapter; the requirements contained in sections 6.213, 6.214(a), 6.301(1), 6.401(a), 6.403, and 6.413 of this Chapter; the requirement contained in the first sentence of section 6.402(b) of this Chapter; and the prohibitions contained in sections 6.402(a), 6.402(c), 6.402(d), 6.404(a), 6.404(d), 6.408 and 6.409 of this Chapter shall be applicable to historic motor vehicles being operated on the streets and highways of the District.
- "(2) No historic motor vehicle shall be required to achieve or comply with any equipment, material or design standard which it was not legally required to achieve or comply with when it was manufactured.
- "(3) With the exception of the equipment restrictions specified in sections 6.224, 6.401(b) and 6.405 of this Chapter, no historic motor vehicle shall be prohibited from having any vehicle equipment, accessory, type of material or design feature with which it was or could have been legally equipped when it was manufactured.
- "(4) No historic notor vehicle shall be required to achieve or comply with any performance standard which it was not legally required to achieve or comply with

when it was manufactured. Performance standards shall include but not be limited to standards or requirements for exhaust and noise emissions and for fuel usage.

"(5) The installation or use of additional or improved safety equipment on a historic notor vehicle which was not available when such motor vehicle was nanufactured shall not disqualify such motor vehicle for classification as a historic notor vehicle. However, any such additional or improved safety equipment shall be maintained in proper operating condition when such motor vehicle is operated on the public streets and highways.".

Sec. 4. Section 1 of the act "To provide for the annual inspection of all motor vehicles in the District of Columbia", approved February 18, 1938 (52 Stat. 78; D.C. Code, sec. 40-201) is amended by adding before the first sentence of such section the following:

"That except as otherwise currently provided in section 4.202 of Chapter IV of Title 32 of the <u>District</u> of <u>Columbia Rules and Regulations</u> or as otherwise hereinafter provided by the Council of the District of Columbia, all motor vehicles and trailers registered in the District of Columbia shall be inspected annually and".

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 602(c)(1) of the "District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act", approved December 24, 1973 (97 Stat. 814; D.C. Code, sec 1-147(c)(1)).

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