



The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs (M.A.A.C.) strongly **OPPOSES** H.3433 which is before the Joint Transportation Committee, an amendment which would modify Chapter 90 of the General Laws by requiring each plate to be issued by the registry to be a unique number and not duplicated by any other plate type. M.A.A.C. represents the interests of some 280 Massachusetts car clubs that count more than 40,000 members in their ranks, and M.A.A.C. knows that this bill **DOES NOT** have wide-spread support among the car owners across the Commonwealth. The amendment as it is written would gut the Year of Manufacturing (YOM) registration for historic vehicles, as well as the "Antique Auto" registration. While these plates **DO** in many cases duplicate existing Lottery, Passenger, and other plate types; they should be excluded from the unique plate requirement because of their historic importance and limited use. There are many options that we believe the Registrar has NOT looked at which could eliminate or reduce the issues that are associated with duplicate plates.

Some data points:

- YOM plates do not look like any of the existing plates currently being issued and therefore confusion with a modern plate would be limited.
- YOM plates are only to be used by vehicles that were manufactured in the year of the plate – *An "antique motor car" is any motor vehicle over 25 years old maintained solely for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest. This includes test drives to prepare for such functions and transportation to and from repair facilities, and not used primarily for the transportation of passengers or goods over any way, and for limited use.*
- Vehicles issued YOM plates are restricted from being used for general purpose and have milage restrictions.
- Year of Manufacture plates are an important part of Massachusetts history and should not be removed from the streets.
- Antique Auto registrations also carry restrictions on their use, and therefore should be excluded.
- Antique Plates pay a **HIGHER** registration fee and this bill as written with **REDUCE REVENUE** to the commonwealth.

I appreciate the opportunity to present our OPPOSITION to H.B. 3600 that is before the Joint Transportation Committee and would welcome the opportunity for M.A.A.C. to provide additional wording to the bill which would allow it to be enacted without damaging the Year of Manufacturing registration and still preserve the original intent of the bill.

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The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs was founded in 1970 by a group of concerned auto enthusiasts, who were dedicated to promoting and protecting the interest of the auto collecting hobby. They took it upon themselves to contact other car clubs with similar interests and asked them to send two representatives to the very first meeting at the Bolton Town Hall. The response was tremendous. Over the years since then, MAAC has worked behind the scenes to protect the interests of the hobbyists against legislation that could have a negative impact on driving collector vehicles. MAAC has also worked proactively to facilitate legislative changes that benefit the way we register and insure our antique or collector vehicles. MAAC is a volunteer organization and receives no funding from any companies, state agencies or external associations.

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