COMMITTEE REPORT

March 23, 2021

**S. 296**

Introduced by Senators Climer, Fanning and M. Johnson

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**THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 296) to amend Section 56‑2‑105 of the 1976 Code, relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles’ issuance of golf cart permits and the operation, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

LAWRENCE K. GROOMS for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑2‑105 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES’ ISSUANCE OF GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE’S HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY OF A CERTAIN SIZE AND POPULATION MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE OPERATION DURING NON‑DAYLIGHT HOURS OF GOLF CARTS THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH WORKING HEADLIGHTS AND REAR LIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 56‑2‑105 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection at the end to read:

“( ) A municipality with a land area of approximately 3.87 square miles and a population as of July 1, 2017 between ten and eleven thousand persons, as estimated by the United States Census Bureau’s Population Estimate Program, that is located within a county that had a population of two hundred twenty-six thousand seventy-three persons according to the 2010 United States Census may enact an ordinance allowing the operation of a permitted golf cart for up to sixty minutes after sunset on locally owned roads for which the posted speed limit is twenty-five miles an hour or less if the golf cart has operable headlights and brake lights.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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