**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑115 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GOLF CARTS, TO REQUIRE PERMITTED GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE ONLY WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE ADDRESS ON THE REGISTRATION AND TO REQUIRE PERMITS BE REPLACED EVERY FIVE YEARS OR AT TIME OF ADDRESS CHANGE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑115 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑115. (A) ~~The~~ An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart~~, if he has a valid driver’s license,~~ may obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and financial responsibility for the golf cart, and upon ~~the~~ payment of a fee of five dollars. ~~and proof of financial responsibility which permits his agent, employees, or him to:~~

(1) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated only within two miles of the address on the registration certificate and only ~~operate the golf cart~~ on a secondary highway or street ~~within two miles of his residence or place of business during daylight hours only; and~~ for which the posted speed limit is thirty‑five miles an hour or less.

(2) During daylight hours only, while traveling along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty‑five miles an hour or less, a permitted golf cart may cross a ~~primary~~ highway or street ~~while traveling along a secondary highway or street within two miles of his residence or place of business during daylight hours only~~ at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty‑five miles an hour only within two miles of the address on the registration.

(B) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least sixteen years of age and shall hold a valid driver’s license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in his possession:

(1) the registration certificate issued by the department;

(2) proof of financial responsibility for the golf cart; and

(3) a driver’s license.

(C) A golf cart permit must be replaced with a new permit every five years or at the time of an address change. Golf cart owners holding golf cart permits on or before October 1, 2010 will have until September 30, 2015 to obtain a replacement.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2010.

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