**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑2‑105, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN OWNER OF A GOLF CART TO OBTAIN A PERMIT DECAL AND REGISTRATION TO OPERATE A GOLF CART ALONG A PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT AND REGISTRATION AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PROVIDE TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, UPON REQUEST, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER OF A GOLF CART REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑2‑105(B) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 177 of 2012 is amended to read:

“(B) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart ~~may~~ shall obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a twenty-five dollar fee to operate the golf cart on a public road or highway. The department must provide to a law enforcement agency, upon request, the name and address of the owner of a golf cart registered with the department.

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

(2) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty‑five miles an hour or less.

(3) During daylight hours only, within four miles of the registration holder’s address, and 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 highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty‑five miles an hour.

(4) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty‑five miles an hour or less on an island not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobiles.”

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

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