

By Representative Farkas

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s.  
3           316.2126, F.S.; authorizing the use of  
4           golf/utility carts by municipalities for  
5           municipal purposes and subject to certain  
6           conditions; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; defining  
7           the term "golf/utility cart"; amending s.  
8           320.105, F.S.; exempting golf/utility carts  
9           from requirements to display license plates;  
10          amending s. 322.04, F.S.; exempting certain  
11          operators of golf/utility carts from  
12          requirements of obtaining a driver's license;  
13          amending s. 325.203, F.S.; exempting  
14          golf/utility carts from inspection  
15          requirements; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19           Section 1. Section 316.2126, Florida Statutes, is  
20 amended to read:

21           316.2126 Use of golf/utility ~~golf~~ carts by ~~certain~~  
22 municipalities.--In addition to the powers granted by ss.  
23 316.212 and 316.2125, municipalities ~~older than 400 years old~~  
24 are hereby authorized to utilize golf/utility ~~golf~~ carts, as  
25 defined in s. 320.01, upon any state, county, or municipal  
26 roads located within the corporate limits of such  
27 municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

28           (1) Golf/utility ~~Golf~~ carts operated beyond the  
29 authority granted in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125 may only be  
30 operated by municipal employees for municipal purposes,  
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1 including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic  
2 enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

3 (2) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.  
4 316.212(6), such golf/utility ~~golf~~ carts must be equipped with  
5 sufficient lighting and turn signal equipment.

6 (3) The golf/utility ~~golf~~ carts may only be operated  
7 on state roads that have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per  
8 hour or less.

9 Section 2. Subsection (22) of section 320.01, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 320.01 Definitions, general.--As used in the Florida  
12 Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

13 (22) "Golf/utility ~~Golf~~ cart" means a motor vehicle  
14 designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course or  
15 used for sporting, utility, or recreational purposes, but the  
16 term does not include an all-terrain vehicle as defined in s.  
17 316.2074.

18 Section 3. Section 320.105, Florida Statutes, is  
19 amended to read:

20 320.105 Golf/utility ~~Golf~~ carts;  
21 exemption.--Golf/utility ~~Golf~~ carts, as defined in s. 320.01,  
22 when operated in accordance with s. 316.212 or s. 316.2126,  
23 are exempt from provisions of this chapter which require the  
24 registration of vehicles or the display of license plates.

25 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
26 322.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 322.04 Persons exempt from obtaining driver's  
28 license.--

29 (1) The following persons are exempt from obtaining a  
30 driver's license:

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1 (e) Any person operating a golf/utility ~~golf~~ cart, as  
2 defined in s. 320.01, which is operated in accordance with the  
3 provisions of s. 316.212.

4 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
5 325.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

6 325.203 Motor vehicles subject to annual inspection;  
7 exemptions.--

8 (4) The following motor vehicles are not subject to  
9 inspection:

10 (c) Golf/utility ~~Golf~~ carts, as defined in s. 320.01.

11 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
12 law.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Substitutes the term "golf/utility cart," as defined, for  
16 the term "golf cart." Authorizes municipalities of any  
17 vintage to use golf/utility carts for municipal purposes.