

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

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

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16 Section 1. Section 316.2126, Florida Statutes, is
17 amended to read:

18 316.2126 Use of golf carts and utility vehicles by
19 ~~certain~~ municipalities.--In addition to the powers granted by
20 ss. 316.212 and 316.2125, municipalities ~~older than 400 years~~
21 ~~old~~ are hereby authorized to utilize golf carts and utility
22 vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state, county, or
23 municipal roads located within the corporate limits of such
24 municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

25 (1) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with
26 the operational and safety requirements ~~operated beyond the~~
27 ~~authority granted~~ in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125 and shall ~~may~~
28 only be operated by municipal employees for municipal
29 purposes, including, but not limited to, police patrol, fire
30 rescue, traffic enforcement, and inspection of public
31 facilities.

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

4 (3) ~~The~~ Golf carts and utility vehicles may only be
5 operated on state roads that have a posted speed limit of 30
6 miles per hour or less.

7 Section 2. Subsection (42) is added to section 320.01,
8 Florida Statutes, to read:

9 320.01 Definitions, general.--As used in the Florida
10 Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

11 (42) "Utility vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed
12 and manufactured for general maintenance, security, and
13 landscaping purposes, but the term does not include any
14 vehicle designed or used primarily for the transportation of
15 persons or property on a street or highway, or a golf cart, or
16 an all-terrain vehicle as defined in s. 316.2074.

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

19 320.105 Golf carts and utility vehicles;
20 exemption.--Golf carts and utility vehicles, as defined in s.
21 320.01, when operated in accordance with s. 316.212 or s.
22 316.2126, are exempt from provisions of this chapter which
23 require the registration of vehicles or the display of license
24 plates.

25 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
26 325.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 325.203 Motor vehicles subject to annual inspection;
28 exemptions.--

29 (4) The following motor vehicles are not subject to
30 inspection:

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1 (c) Golf carts and utility vehicles, as defined in s.
2 320.01.

3 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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