

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to delivery vehicles; amending s.
 3 316.2126, F.S.; defining the terms "golf cart,"
 4 "residential area," and "seasonal delivery personnel";
 5 authorizing the use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles, and
 6 utility vehicles by seasonal delivery personnel on certain
 7 public roads in a residential area during a certain time
 8 period; requiring such vehicles to be equipped with safety
 9 equipment; providing an effective date.

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

12 Section 1. Section 316.2126, Florida Statutes, is amended
 13 to read:

14 316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles,
 15 ~~and utility vehicles by municipalities and state employees,~~
 16 ~~state park volunteers, and state park visitors.--~~

17 (1) In addition to the powers granted by ss. 316.212 and
 18 316.2125, municipalities are authorized to utilize golf carts
 19 and utility vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state,
 20 county, or municipal roads located within the corporate limits
 21 of such municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

22 (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the
 23 operational and safety requirements in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125,
 24 and with any more restrictive ordinances enacted by the local
 25 governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(8), and shall be
 26 operated only by municipal employees for municipal purposes,
 27 including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic
 28 enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

29 (b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.
 30 316.212(6) and any more restrictive safety equipment required by
 31 the local governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(8), such
 32 golf carts and utility vehicles must be equipped with sufficient
 33 lighting and turn signal equipment.

34 (c) Golf carts and utility vehicles may be operated only
 35 on state roads that have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per
 36 hour or less.

37 (2) State employees, state park volunteers, and state park
 38 visitors are authorized to use golf carts and utility vehicles,
 39 as defined in s. 320.01, upon any public roads within the
 40 boundaries of state parks managed by the Division of Recreation
 41 and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection, subject
 42 to the following conditions:

43 (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the
 44 operational and safety requirements in s. 316.212.

45 (b) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall be operated only
 46 by state employees and state park volunteers for state purposes
 47 and by state park visitors for uses authorized by the Division
 48 of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental
 49 Protection.

50 (3) (a) As used in this subsection, the term:

51 1. "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle as defined in s.
 52 320.01(22), including vehicles modified to have a cargo platform
 53 or bin to transport parcels or a hitch to tow a trailer.

54 2. "Residential area" means areas zoned primarily or
 55 exclusively for single-family or multifamily residential use.

56 3. "Seasonal delivery personnel" means employees of a

57 licensed commercial delivery service that has at least 10,000
58 persons employed in this state.

59 (b) From midnight October 15 until midnight December 31 of
60 each year, seasonal delivery personnel may use the following
61 vehicles on public roads within a residential area, as provided
62 in subparagraphs 1.-3., solely for the purpose of delivering
63 express envelopes and packages having a maximum size of 130
64 inches for the combined length and girth and weighing not more
65 than 150 pounds:

66 1. Low-speed vehicles and utility vehicles as defined in
67 s. 320.01 upon any public road within a residential area that
68 has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.

69 2. Golf carts upon a public road within a residential area
70 that has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less.

71 3. Golf carts upon a public road within a residential area
72 that has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less,
73 unless a municipality having jurisdiction over the public road
74 has enacted an ordinance restricting seasonal delivery personnel
75 from driving on roads that have a posted speed limit of 30 miles
76 per hour or more.

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78 Seasonal delivery personnel may pull a trailer from any of the
79 vehicles used as provided in this paragraph.

80 (c) All vehicles specified in this subsection must be:

81 1. Marked in a conspicuous manner with the name of the
82 delivery service.

83 2. Equipped, at a minimum, with the equipment required
84 under s. 316.212(6).

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85 3. Equipped with headlamps and taillamps, in addition to
86 the safety requirements in s. 316.212(6), if operated after
87 sunset.

88 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ Anyone operating a golf cart, low-speed vehicle, or
89 utility vehicle pursuant to this section must possess a valid
90 driver's license as required by s. 322.03.

91 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.