

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to low-speed vehicles; amending s.  
 3           319.14, F.S.; authorizing the conversion of a vehicle  
 4           titled or branded and registered as a low-speed  
 5           vehicle to a golf cart; providing procedures;  
 6           providing for a fee; amending s. 320.01, F.S.;  
 7           revising the definition of the term "low-speed  
 8           vehicle" to include vehicles that are not electric  
 9           powered; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 319.14,  
 14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15           319.14 Sale of motor vehicles registered or used as  
 16 taxicabs, police vehicles, lease vehicles, or rebuilt vehicles  
 17 and nonconforming vehicles; conversion of low-speed vehicles.—

18           (10) (a) A vehicle titled or branded and registered as a  
 19 low-speed vehicle may be converted to a golf cart pursuant to  
 20 the following:

21           1. The owner of the converted vehicle must contact the  
 22 regional office of the department to verify the conversion,  
 23 surrender the registration license plate and the current  
 24 certificate of title, and pay the appropriate fee established  
 25 under paragraph (b).

26           2. Upon verification of the conversion, the department  
 27 shall note in the vehicle record that the low-speed vehicle has  
 28 been converted to a golf cart and cancel the certificate of

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29 | title and registration of the vehicle.

30 |       (b) The department shall establish a fee of \$40 to cover  
31 | the cost of verification and associated administrative costs for  
32 | carrying out its responsibilities under this subsection.

33 |       Section 2. Subsection (42) of section 320.01, Florida  
34 | Statutes, is amended to read:

35 |       320.01 Definitions, general.—As used in the Florida  
36 | Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

37 |       (42) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled ~~electric~~  
38 | vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but  
39 | not greater than 25 miles per hour, including, but not limited  
40 | to, neighborhood electric vehicles. Low-speed vehicles must  
41 | comply with the safety standards in 49 C.F.R. s. 571.500 and s.  
42 | 316.2122.

43 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.