

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to golf cart crossings; amending s.
3 316.212, F.S.; authorizing operation of a golf cart
4 for the purpose of crossing certain streets and
5 highways under certain conditions; providing
6 penalties; amending ss. 316.1995, 316.2125, 316.2126,
7 and 316.2128, F.S.; conforming cross-references;
8 providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 **Section 1. Subsections (5) through (9) of section 316.212,**
13 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through**
14 **(10), respectively, paragraph (b) of present subsection (8) and**
15 **present subsection (9) are amended, and a new subsection (5) is**
16 **added to that section, to read:**

17 316.212 Operation of golf carts on certain roadways.—The
18 operation of a golf cart upon the public roads or streets of
19 this state is prohibited except as provided herein:

20 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
21 golf cart may be operated for the purpose of crossing a street
22 or highway within a crosswalk at a signalized intersection,
23 provided that:

24 1. The intersection is located wholly within the
25 boundaries of a single local governmental entity;

26 2. The local governmental entity has designated, for the
27 operation of golf carts, the street or road located on both
28 sides of the street or highway spanned by the crosswalk; and

29 3. The local governmental entity has approved the
30 operation of golf carts at the crosswalk and has posted
31 appropriate signs at the signalized intersection to indicate
32 that operation of a golf cart is authorized at the crosswalk.

33 (9)-(8) A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance
34 relating to:

35 (b) Golf cart operation on sidewalks adjacent to specific
36 segments of municipal streets, county roads, or state highways
37 within the jurisdictional territory of the local governmental
38 entity if:

39 1. The local governmental entity determines, after
40 considering the condition and current use of the sidewalks, the
41 character of the surrounding community, and the locations of
42 authorized golf cart crossings, that golf carts, bicycles, and
43 pedestrians may safely share the sidewalk;

44 2. The local governmental entity consults with the
45 Department of Transportation before adopting the ordinance;

46 3. The ordinance restricts golf carts to a maximum speed
47 of 15 miles per hour and permits such use on sidewalks adjacent
48 to state highways only if the sidewalks are at least 8 feet
49 wide;

50 4. The ordinance requires the golf carts to meet the

equipment requirements in subsection (7) ~~(6)~~. However, the ordinance may require additional equipment, including horns or other warning devices required by s. 316.271; and

5. The local governmental entity posts appropriate signs or otherwise informs residents that the ordinance exists and applies to such sidewalks.

(10) ~~(9)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(6) ~~(1)-(5)~~ or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (9) ~~(8)~~, or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (7) ~~(6)~~, subsection (8) ~~(7)~~, or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (9) ~~(8)~~.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.1995, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1995 Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.—

(1) Except as provided in s. 316.008, s. 316.20655, s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, or s. 316.2128, a person may not drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 316.2125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement

76 community.—

77 (1) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 316.212, the
78 reasonable operation of a golf cart, equipped and operated as
79 provided in s. 316.212(6), (7), and (8) ~~s. 316.212 (5), (6), and~~
80 ~~(7)~~, within any self-contained retirement community is
81 authorized ~~permitted~~ unless prohibited under subsection (2).

82 **Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) and**
83 **paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 316.2126, Florida**
84 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

85 316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles,
86 and utility vehicles.—

87 (1) In addition to the powers granted by ss. 316.212 and
88 316.2125, municipalities are authorized to use golf carts and
89 utility vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state,
90 county, or municipal roads located within the corporate limits
91 of such municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

92 (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the
93 operational and safety requirements in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125,
94 and with any more restrictive ordinances enacted by the local
95 governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, and
96 shall be operated only by municipal employees for municipal
97 purposes, including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic
98 enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

99 (b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.
100 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~ and any more restrictive safety

equipment required by the local governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, such golf carts and utility vehicles must be equipped with sufficient lighting and turn signal equipment.

(3)

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

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

2. Equipped with, at a minimum, the equipment required under s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~.

3. Equipped with head lamps and tail lamps, in addition to the safety requirements in s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~, if operated after sunset.

Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 316.2128, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and miniature motorcycles; requirements.—

(5) A person who engages in the business of, serves in the capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of miniature motorcycles in this state must prominently display at his or her place of business a notice that such vehicles are not legal to operate on public roads, may not be registered as motor vehicles, and may not be operated on sidewalks unless authorized by an ordinance enacted pursuant to s. 316.008(7)(a) or s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~. The required notice must also appear

126 | in all forms of advertising offering miniature motorcycles for
127 | sale. The notice and a copy of this section must also be
128 | provided to a consumer before ~~prior to~~ the consumer's purchasing
129 | or becoming obligated to purchase a miniature motorcycle.

130 | **Section 6.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.