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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to golf cart crossings; amending s. 316.212, F.S.; authorizing operation of a golf cart for the purpose of crossing certain streets and highways under certain conditions; providing penalties; amending ss. 316.1995, 316.2125, 316.2126, and 316.2128, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (5) through (9) of section 316.212, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (10), respectively, paragraph (b) of present subsection (8) and present subsection (9) are amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

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

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

1. The intersection is located wholly within the 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

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

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

57 (10) ~~(9)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal  
58 traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a  
59 moving violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(6) ~~(1)-(5)~~  
60 or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant  
61 to subsection (9) ~~(8)~~, or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as  
62 a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (7) ~~(6)~~,  
63 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~, or a local ordinance corresponding thereto  
64 and enacted pursuant to subsection (9) ~~(8)~~.

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

67 316.1995 Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.—  
68 (1) Except as provided in s. 316.008, s. 316.20655, s.  
69 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, or s. 316.2128, a person may not drive  
70 any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path,  
71 sidewalk, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly  
72 authorized temporary driveway.

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

75 316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement

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76 community.—

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

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

105 (3)

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

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

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

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

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

116 316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and  
117 miniature motorcycles; requirements.—

118 (5) A person who engages in the business of, serves in the  
119 capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of miniature  
120 motorcycles in this state must prominently display at his or her  
121 place of business a notice that such vehicles are not legal to  
122 operate on public roads, may not be registered as motor  
123 vehicles, and may not be operated on sidewalks unless authorized  
124 by an ordinance enacted pursuant to s. 316.008(7)(a) or s.  
125 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.