

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 at a signalized intersection, provided that:

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

25 2. The local governmental entity has designated, for the

26 operation of golf carts, the street or road located on both
27 sides of the intersection with the street or highway; and

28 3. The local governmental entity has approved the
29 operation of golf carts for the purpose of crossing at the
30 intersection and has posted appropriate signs at the
31 intersection to indicate that such operation is authorized.

32 (9)~~(8)~~ A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance
33 relating to:

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

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

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

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

49 4. The ordinance requires the golf carts to meet the
50 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 community.—

76 (1) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 316.212, the
77 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).

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

84 316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles,
85 and utility vehicles.—

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

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

98 (b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.
99 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~ and any more restrictive safety
100 equipment required by the local governmental entity pursuant to

101 s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, such golf carts and utility
102 vehicles must be equipped with sufficient lighting and turn
103 signal equipment.

104 (3)

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

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

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

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

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

115 316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and
116 miniature motorcycles; requirements.—

117 (5) A person who engages in the business of, serves in the
118 capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of miniature
119 motorcycles in this state must prominently display at his or her
120 place of business a notice that such vehicles are not legal to
121 operate on public roads, may not be registered as motor
122 vehicles, and may not be operated on sidewalks unless authorized
123 by an ordinance enacted pursuant to s. 316.008(7)(a) or s.
124 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~. The required notice must also appear
125 in all forms of advertising offering miniature motorcycles for

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

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