

By: Senator(s) Moran

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3055

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
 2 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED
 3 VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN
 4 THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS; TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A
 5 LOW-SPEED VEHICLE OR GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE;
 6 TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REGISTRATION OF SUCH LOW-SPEED VEHICLE OR GOLF
 7 CART; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, unless a different meaning
 10 clearly appears in the context, the following terms shall have the
 11 following meanings:

12 (a) "City" means the City of Bay St. Louis,
 13 Mississippi.

14 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and City
 15 Council of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

16 (c) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is
 17 designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for
 18 sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of
 19 exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour and is equipped



20 with the safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section
21 571.500.

22 (d) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric
23 or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than
24 twenty (20) miles per hour but less than twenty-five (25) miles
25 per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under
26 49 CFR Section 571.500.

27 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities may, in their
28 discretion, by ordinance, authorize the operation of low-speed
29 vehicles or golf carts only on public roads and streets with a
30 speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less that are
31 south of U.S. Highway 90 in the Old Town area of the City of Bay
32 St. Louis, Mississippi.

33 (2) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or golf cart on
34 the public roads and streets in the city under this act must have
35 in his or her possession a valid driver's license from this state
36 or another state and proof of financial responsibility as required
37 under Section 63-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

38 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
39 low-speed vehicles and golf carts may not be operated on U.S.
40 Highway 90 or Mississippi Highway 603. Low-speed vehicles and
41 golf carts may cross U.S. Highway 90 only at the following
42 intersections:

43 (a) The signalized intersection at U.S. Highway 90 and
44 Beach Boulevard;



45 (b) The signalized intersection at U.S. Highway 90 and
46 Dunbar Avenue;

47 (c) The signalized intersection at U.S. Highway 90 and
48 Main Street/Blue Meadow Road;

49 (d) The signalized intersection at U.S. Highway 90 and
50 Drinkwater Road;

51 (e) The signalized intersection at U.S. Highway 90 and
52 Washington Street; and

53 (f) The signalized intersection at U.S. Highway 90 and
54 Bouslog Street.

55 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
56 contrary, when operated by a person participating in a parade
57 permitted by the city, low-speed vehicles and golf carts may be
58 operated on the permitted route of the parade while participating
59 in the parade.

60 **SECTION 3.** (1) Every low-speed vehicle and golf cart to be
61 operated, as authorized under this act, on a public road or street
62 shall be required to register the vehicle with the city. Upon
63 payment of a reasonable fee that may be charged by the city to
64 cover the costs of administration, a map, if any, and a sticker
65 and presentation of proof of financial responsibility and
66 presentation of a valid driver's license, the owner of the
67 low-speed vehicle or golf cart shall be issued a registration
68 decal by the city that must be displayed as determined by the
69 city. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the



70 registering owner owns the low-speed vehicle or golf cart. The
71 operator shall be required to have proof of financial
72 responsibility and a valid driver's license in his or her
73 possession at all times while operating the low-speed vehicle or
74 golf cart on public roads and streets of the state.

75 (2) The registration fee imposed under subsection (1) of
76 this section shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and
77 shall be retained by the municipal clerk and deposited into the
78 municipal general fund.

79 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after its passage.

