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To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1655

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

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

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

11 (a) "City" means the City of Ocean Springs,
12 Mississippi.

13 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Board of Aldermen
14 of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

15 (c) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is
16 designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for
17 sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of
18 exceeding speeds of twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is
19 equipped with a parking brake, head lamps, tail lamps, seat belts,
20 and front and rear turn signals.



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

26 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of
27 Ocean Springs, Mississippi, may, in their discretion, authorize
28 the operation of golf carts and/or low-speed vehicles only on
29 public roads and streets as designated by ordinance, within the
30 city limits of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Such
31 authorization must be embodied in an ordinance and recorded on the
32 minutes of the board of aldermen. Such authorization may be
33 accompanied by conditions not inconsistent with this act and may
34 be revoked, in whole or in part, by the governing authorities at
35 any time.

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

41 (3) Golf carts and low-speed vehicles may not be operated on
42 interstate highways or highways as designated by the comprehensive
43 plan of the city except for the crossing of these streets, in
44 which case the shortest traveling distance to do so shall be
45 required. Drivers are required to operate golf carts and



46 low-speed vehicles only in the outside lane of multi-lane streets
47 and roads, when applicable.

48 **SECTION 3.** The governing authorities may, pursuant to
49 ordinance, require registration of golf carts and/or low-speed
50 vehicles with costs to be determined.

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

