

By: Representative Bennett

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1662

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED
3 VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN
4 THE CITY; TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A LOW-SPEED VEHICLE OR
5 GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR TEMPORARY DRIVER'S
6 PERMIT; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REGISTRATION OF SUCH LOW-SPEED VEHICLES
7 OR GOLF CARTS; 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 Long Beach, Mississippi.

13 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board
14 of Aldermen of the City of Long Beach, 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 (20) miles per hour and is equipped
19 with the safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section
20 571.500.



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 Long Beach, Mississippi, may, by ordinance, in their discretion,
28 authorize the operation of low-speed vehicles and golf carts only
29 on municipal streets in Long Beach that are south of the railroad,
30 but excluding Railroad Street, and North of Highway 90, but
31 excluding Highway 90 and between South Lang Avenue on the west and
32 Beach Park Avenue on the east.

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

38 (3) Low-speed vehicles and golf carts may only be operated
39 on public streets if the operator is traveling the shortest
40 possible travel distance between his or her residence and the
41 nearest other public road or street authorized for use by
42 low-speed vehicles and/or golf carts, cart path or golf course
43 cart path and during daylight hours only.



44 (4) Low-speed vehicles and golf carts may not be operated in
45 the other areas of the City of Long Beach, and they may not cross
46 or travel on Highway 90.

47 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
48 contrary, when operated by a person participating in a parade
49 permitted by the City of Long Beach, low-speed vehicles and golf
50 carts may be operated on the permitted route of the parade while
51 participating in the parade.

52 **SECTION 3.** (1) Every low-speed vehicle and golf cart to be
53 operated, as authorized under this act, on a public road or street
54 shall be required to register the vehicle with the City of Long
55 Beach. Upon payment of a reasonable fee that may be charged by
56 the city to cover the costs of administration, a map and a sticker
57 and presentation of proof of financial responsibility and
58 presentation of a valid driver's license or temporary driver's
59 permit, the owner of the low-speed vehicle or golf cart shall be
60 issued a registration decal by the municipal tax collector that
61 must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle. The
62 registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering
63 owner owns the low-speed vehicle or golf cart. The city shall
64 provide the registrant with a map of the contiguous Long Beach
65 area where low-speed vehicles and golf carts may be operated at
66 the time of registration. The operator shall be required to have
67 proof of financial responsibility and a valid driver's license in



68 his or her possession at all times while operating the low-speed
69 vehicle or golf cart on public roads and streets of the state.

70 (2) The registration fee imposed under subsection (1) of
71 this section shall be retained by the tax collector and deposited
72 into the municipal general fund.

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

