

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1682

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 CRYSTAL 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 ANY INDIVIDUAL OPERATING A GOLF CART OR
5 LOW-SPEED VEHICLE ON SUCH PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS TO HAVE A VALID
6 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED
7 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 Crystal Springs,
13 Mississippi.

14 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Board of Aldermen
15 of the City of Crystal Springs, 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-five (25) miles per hour and is



20 equipped with a parking brake, head lamps, tail lamps, seat belts,
21 and front and rear turn signals.

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

37 (2) Any person operating a golf cart or low-speed vehicle on
38 the public roads and streets under this act must have in his or
39 her possession a valid driver's license or temporary driver's
40 permit and proof of financial responsibility as required under
41 Section 63-51-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

42 (3) Golf carts and low-speed vehicles may not be operated on
43 interstate highways, U.S. highways, or state highways in the city,
44 except for the crossing of these streets, in which case the



45 shortest traveling distance to do so shall be required. Drivers
46 are required to operate golf carts and low-speed vehicles only in
47 the outside lane of multi-lane streets 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.

