

By: Representative Gipson

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1686

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 MAGEE, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC
3 ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 (a) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board
9 of Aldermen of the City of Magee, Mississippi.

10 (b) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is
11 designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for
12 sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of
13 exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour and is equipped
14 with a parking brake.

15 (c) "City" means the City of Magee, Mississippi.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) (a) The governing authorities of the City
17 of Magee, Mississippi, may, in their discretion, through an
18 adopted ordinance that must be recorded on the minutes of the



19 city, authorize the operation of golf carts only on public roads
20 and streets, other than U.S. Highway 49 and Simpson Highway 149,
21 that are within the city limits of the City of Magee, Mississippi.
22 The authorization may be accompanied by conditions not
23 inconsistent with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in
24 part, by the governing authorities at any time.

25 (b) The mayor and/or the chief of police of the city
26 shall publish a list of public roads and streets within the city
27 where golf carts may be operated as prescribed under this act.

28 (2) Any person operating a golf cart on the public roads and
29 streets under this act must have in his or her possession a valid
30 temporary driver's license or a valid driver's license and proof
31 of financial responsibility as required under Section 63-15-1 et
32 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

33 (3) Golf carts may not be operated on urban interstate
34 highways, urban freeways and expressways, urban principal arterial
35 streets or urban minor arterial streets as defined by the
36 comprehensive plan of the city.

37 (4) Any golf cart operated on public roads and streets from
38 dusk through dawn must have working headlights and tail lights and
39 any golf cart shall not be used to pull any object or person.

40 (5) All occupants of a golf cart must be in a seat and must
41 remain seated at all times while the golf cart is in operation.

42 (6) The owner of any golf cart operated on public roads and
43 streets as authorized under this act shall have in full force and



44 effect bodily injury liability insurance coverage of no less than
45 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per person and Fifty
46 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per occurrence.

47 (7) Violation of traffic laws or regulations of this act may
48 result in the issuance of traffic citations in the same manner as
49 if the infraction occurred while driving a car.

50 (8) The operation of ATVs (all-terrain vehicles), sport ATVs
51 and utility ATVs on public roads and streets is prohibited except
52 where incidental to a landowner's use or where customarily
53 permitted for special events such as parades in the city limits.

54 (9) The governing authorities may act to revoke the rights
55 of residents in any and all specified subdivisions to operate golf
56 carts at any time, and the governing authorities reserve the right
57 to add to, delete from or other otherwise amend the conditions and
58 restrictions at any time.

59 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after its passage.

