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To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1698

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

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

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

9 (a) "City" means the City of Oxford, Mississippi.

10 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board  
11 of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi.

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

17 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of  
18 Oxford, Mississippi, may, in their discretion, authorize the



19 operation of golf carts only on certain public roads and streets  
20 that are within designated residential neighborhoods within the  
21 city limits of Oxford, Mississippi. Such authorization must be  
22 recorded on the minutes of the city and may include all or as many  
23 of the subdivided, residential neighborhoods as the governing  
24 authorities determine to be appropriate. Such authorization may  
25 be accompanied by conditions not inconsistent with any approved  
26 local and private legislation related to this matter in the city,  
27 and may be revoked, in whole or part, by the governing authorities  
28 of the City of Oxford at any time.

29 (2) Golf carts may not be authorized in the nonresidential  
30 area of the City of Oxford. Golf carts may not be authorized on  
31 urban interstate highways, urban freeways and expressways, urban  
32 principal arterial streets, urban minor arterial streets,  
33 Mississippi Department of Transportation or US Highways as defined  
34 by the compressive plan of the city.

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

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

