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To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3036

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN OF
2 SUMRALL, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON
3 CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN; TO REQUIRE
4 INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S
5 LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act:

8 (a) "Town" means the Town of Sumrall, Mississippi.

9 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Board of Aldermen
10 of the Town of Sumrall, Mississippi.

11 (c) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is
12 designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for
13 sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of
14 exceeding speeds of twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is
15 equipped with the safety equipment as required under 49 CFR
16 Section 571.500.

17 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities may, in their
18 discretion, authorize the operation of golf carts only on public
19 roads and streets that are within residential neighborhoods and



20 other areas designated by ordinance within the corporate limits of
21 the town. The authorization must be embodied in an ordinance and
22 recorded on the minutes of the city council. The authorization
23 may be accompanied by conditions, guidelines and penalties not
24 inconsistent with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in
25 part, by the governing authorities at any time.

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

30 (3) Golf carts may not be operated on state-maintained
31 highways in the town except for the crossing of these highways, in
32 which case the shortest traveling distance to do so shall be
33 required. Drivers are required to operate golf carts only in the
34 outside lane of multilane streets and roads, when applicable.

35 **SECTION 3.** (1) Every golf cart to be operated, as
36 authorized under this act, on a public road or street shall be
37 required to register the vehicle with the town. Upon payment of a
38 reasonable fee that may be charged by the town to cover the costs
39 of administration, and upon presentation of proof of financial
40 responsibility and presentation of a valid driver's license, the
41 owner of the low-speed vehicle or golf cart shall be issued a
42 registration decal by the municipal tax collector that must be
43 displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle. The
44 registration must be renewed annually. The city shall provide the



45 registrant with a map of the areas where golf carts may be
46 operated at the time of registration. The operator shall be
47 required to have proof of financial responsibility and a valid
48 driver's license in his or her possession at all times while
49 operating the low-speed vehicle or golf cart on public roads and
50 streets.

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

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

