

By: Senator(s) Moran

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2989

1 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 938, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 2012,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, TO DESIGNATE BY ORDINANCE THE ROAD AND STREETS UPON  
4 WHICH LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 938, Local and Private Laws of 2012, is  
8 amended as follows:

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 Diamondhead, Mississippi.

13 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and City  
14 Council of the City of Diamondhead, 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 \* \* \* may, in  
27 their discretion, authorize the operation of low-speed vehicles  
28 and golf carts only on public roads and streets \* \* \* as  
29 designated by ordinance, within the \* \* \* corporate limits of the  
30 city.

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

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37 ( \* \* \*3) Low-speed vehicles and golf carts may not be  
38 operated \* \* \* on Interstate Highway 10.

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40 Section 3. (1) Every low-speed vehicle and golf cart to be  
41 operated, as authorized under this act, on a public road or street  
42 shall be required to register the vehicle with the city \* \* \*.  
43 Upon payment of a reasonable fee that may be charged by the city



44 to cover the costs of administration, a map and a sticker and  
45 presentation of proof of financial responsibility and presentation  
46 of a valid driver's license or temporary driving permit, the owner  
47 of the low-speed vehicle or golf cart shall be issued a  
48 registration decal by the county or municipal tax collector that  
49 must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle. The  
50 registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering  
51 owner owns the low-speed vehicle or golf cart. The city shall  
52 provide the registrant with a map of the \* \* \* areas where  
53 low-speed vehicles and golf carts may be operated at the time of  
54 registration. The operator shall be required to have proof of  
55 financial responsibility and a valid driver's license in his or  
56 her possession at all times while operating the low-speed vehicle  
57 or golf cart on public roads and streets of the state.

58 (2) The registration fee imposed under subsection (1) of  
59 this section shall be retained by the tax collector and deposited  
60 into the county or municipal general fund, as the case may be.

61 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
62 and after its passage.

