

By: Senator(s) Branning

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2150

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN OF  
 2 WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED  
 3 VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN  
 4 THE TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE; TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A  
 5 LOW-SPEED VEHICLE OR GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE  
 6 AND PROOF OF INSURANCE; TO REQUIRE LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND GOLF  
 7 CARTS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO  
 8 CHARGE A REGISTRATION FEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

13 (a) "Town" means the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

14 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board  
 15 of Aldermen of the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

16 (c) "Golf cart" means any motor vehicle that is  
 17 designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for  
 18 sporting or recreational purposes, is not capable of exceeding  
 19 speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour, and is equipped with a  
 20 parking brake, headlamps, tail lamps, seat belts and turn signals.



21 (d) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric  
22 or gasoline-powered vehicle whose top speed is greater than twenty  
23 (20) miles per hour but not greater than twenty-five (25) miles  
24 per hour and which is equipped with safety equipment as required  
25 under 49 CFR 571.500.

26 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities may, in their  
27 discretion, by ordinance, authorize the operation of low-speed  
28 vehicles or golf carts only on public roads and streets with a  
29 speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour or less in the Town of  
30 Walnut Grove, Mississippi. The authorization must be embodied in  
31 an ordinance and recorded on the minutes of the Board of Aldermen.  
32 The authorization may be accompanied by conditions not  
33 inconsistent with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in  
34 part, by the governing authorities at any time.

35 (2) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or golf cart on  
36 the public roads and streets in the town under this act must have  
37 in his or her possession a valid driver's license from this state  
38 or another state and proof of insurance, and follow the applicable  
39 requirements of Section 63-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

40 **SECTION 3.** (1) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or  
41 golf cart as authorized under this act on a public road or street  
42 shall be required to register the vehicle with the town. The  
43 owner of the low-speed vehicle or golf cart shall be issued a  
44 registration decal by the town that must be displayed as  
45 determined by the town. The registration shall remain valid for



46 as long as the registering owner owns the low-speed vehicle or  
47 golf cart. The operator shall be required to have proof of  
48 insurance and a valid driver's license in his or her possession at  
49 all times while operating the low-speed vehicle or golf cart on  
50 public roads and streets of the state.

51 (2) The town may, by ordinance, establish a registration fee  
52 for low-speed vehicles and golf carts. The registration fee shall  
53 be retained by the municipal clerk and deposited into the  
54 municipal general fund.

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

