

By: Representative Currie

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1333

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

14 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board
15 of Aldermen of the town.

16 (c) "Golf cart" means a 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 safety
20 equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.



(d) "Low-speed vehicle" means a four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour but less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.

SECTION 2. (1) The governing authorities may, in their discretion, by ordinance, authorize the operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles only on public roads and streets with a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less in the town. The authorization must be embodied in an ordinance and recorded on the minutes of the board of aldermen. The authorization may be accompanied by conditions not inconsistent with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in part, by the governing authorities at any time.

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

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



46 as long as the registering owner owns the golf cart or low-speed
47 vehicle. 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 golf cart or low-speed vehicle on
50 public roads and streets of the town.

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

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

