

By: Representative Currie

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1334

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



21 (d) "Low-speed vehicle" means a 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 their  
27 discretion, by ordinance, authorize the operation of golf carts  
28 and low-speed vehicles only on public roads and streets with a  
29 speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less in the  
30 town. The authorization must be embodied in an ordinance and  
31 recorded on the minutes of the board of aldermen. The  
32 authorization may be accompanied by conditions not inconsistent  
33 with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in part, by the  
34 governing authorities at any time.

35 (2) Any person operating a golf cart or low-speed vehicle 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 golf cart or  
41 low-speed vehicle as authorized under this act on a public road or  
42 street shall be required to register the vehicle with the town.  
43 The owner of the golf cart or low-speed vehicle 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 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.

