

By: Representative Zuber

To: County Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 265

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-32-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO ALLOW THE  
3 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES ON CERTAIN PUBLIC  
4 ROADS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION  
5 63-32-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS  
6 OPERATING A GOLF CART OR LOW-SPEED VEHICLE IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS  
7 OF A COUNTY ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S  
8 LICENSE OR TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT AND PROOF OF FINANCIAL  
9 RESPONSIBILITY AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REGISTRATION OF SUCH GOLF  
10 CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12       **SECTION 1.** Section 63-32-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
13 amended as follows:

14       63-32-3. (1) The governing authorities of a municipality or  
15 the board of supervisors of a county may, in their discretion,  
16 authorize the operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles only  
17 on public roads and streets as designated by ordinance, within the  
18 corporate limits of the municipality or the county, as the case  
19 may be.

20       (2) Golf carts and low-speed vehicles may be operated on  
21 public roads and streets upon which bicycles are authorized by law  
22 to be operated. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles may not be

23 operated on state highways or federal highways that are not  
24 interstate highways except for the crossing of these streets or  
25 roads, as the case may be, in which case the shortest traveling  
26 distance to do so shall be required. Drivers are required to  
27 operate golf carts and low-speed vehicles only in the outside lane  
28 of multilane streets and roads, where applicable.

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

34 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-32-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
35 amended as follows:

36 63-32-5. (1) Every golf cart and low-speed vehicle to be  
37 operated, as authorized under this chapter, on a public road or  
38 street shall be required to be registered with the city or the  
39 county, as the case may be. Upon payment of a reasonable fee that  
40 may be charged by the city or the county to cover the costs of  
41 administration, presentation of proof of financial responsibility  
42 and presentation of a valid driver's license or temporary driver's  
43 permit, the owner of the golf cart or low-speed vehicle shall be  
44 issued a registration decal by the county or municipal tax  
45 collector that must be displayed on the left rear fender of the  
46 vehicle. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the  
47 registering owner owns the golf cart or low-speed vehicle. The



48 city or the county, as the case may be, shall provide the  
49 registrant with a map of the areas where golf carts or low-speed  
50 vehicles may be operated at the time of registration. The  
51 operator shall be required to have proof of financial  
52 responsibility and a valid driver's license in his or her  
53 possession at all times while operating the golf cart or low-speed  
54 vehicle on public roads and streets of the state.

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

60 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
61 and after July 1, 2025.

