

By: Senator(s) Moran

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 2940

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
 2 WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED
 3 VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN
 4 THE CITY OF WAVELAND; TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A LOW-SPEED
 5 VEHICLE OR GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR TEMPORARY
 6 DRIVER'S PERMIT; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REGISTRATION OF SUCH LOW-SPEED
 7 VEHICLE OR GOLF CART; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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 Waveland, Mississippi.

13 (b) "Governing authorities" means the Mayor and Board
 14 of Aldermen of the City of Waveland, 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, by ordinance,
27 in their discretion, authorize the operation of low-speed vehicles
28 and golf carts only on public roads and streets that are within
29 the residential areas above and below U.S. Highway 90. Public
30 roads and streets excluded from the operation of low-speed
31 vehicles and golf carts include all of U.S. Highway 90; all of
32 Kiln-Waveland Cutoff; all of Highway 603 from the intersection of
33 U.S. Highway 90 and Waveland Avenue to Maple Street; and from the
34 intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and Nicholson Avenue to Jeff Davis
35 Avenue.

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

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



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

59 (2) The registration fee imposed under subsection (1) of
60 this section shall be retained by the municipal clerk and
61 deposited into the municipal general fund.

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

