

By: Senator(s) Moran

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3026

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
 2 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED  
 3 VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN  
 4 THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS; TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A  
 5 LOW-SPEED VEHICLE OR GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE AND  
 6 PROOF OF INSURANCE; TO REQUIRE LOW-SPEED VEHICLES OR GOLF CARTS TO  
 7 BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY 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) "City" means the City of Bay St. Louis,  
 14 Mississippi.

15 (b) "Governing authorities" mean the Mayor and City  
 16 Council of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

17 (c) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is  
 18 designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for  
 19 sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of  
 20 exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour and is equipped



21 with a parking brake, headlamps, tail lamps, seat belts and turn  
22 signals.

23 (d) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric  
24 or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than  
25 twenty (20) miles per hour but less than twenty-five (25) miles  
26 per hour and is equipped with a parking brake, headlamps, tail  
27 lamps, seat belts and front and rear turn signals.

28 **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities may, in their  
29 discretion, by ordinance, authorize the operation of low-speed  
30 vehicles or golf carts only on public roads and streets with a  
31 speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less in the City  
32 of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The authorization must be embodied  
33 in an ordinance and recorded on the minutes of the City Council.  
34 The authorization may be accompanied by conditions not  
35 inconsistent with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in  
36 part, by the governing authorities at any time.

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

42 **SECTION 3.** (1) Every low-speed vehicle and golf cart  
43 operated as authorized under this act on a public road or street  
44 shall be required to register the vehicle with the city. The  
45 owner of the low-speed vehicle or golf cart shall be issued a



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

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

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

