

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1939

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To repeal section 304.034, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to golf cart operation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 304.034, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.034, to read as follows:

304.034. 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution or ordinance allow persons to operate golf carts or motorized wheelchairs upon any street or highway under the governing body's jurisdiction **that has a posted speed limit of no more than twenty-five miles per hour**. A golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall not be operated at any time on any state or federal highway, but may be operated upon such highway in order to cross a portion of the state highway system which intersects a municipal street. No golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five miles per hour.

2. **Golf carts operating on city streets under the provisions of this section shall be equipped with the following:**

(1) **At least two headlamps mounted at the same level with at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle;**

(2) **At least two tail lamps;**

(3) **At least two rear lamps that when lighted will exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear;**

(4) **At least electrical or mechanical turn signal devices;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18           **(5) At least one red reflector on each side of the vehicle as far to the rear as**  
19 **practicable;**
- 20           **(6) At least one red reflector on the rear of the vehicle;**
- 21           **(7) One exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle;**
- 22           **(8) Either one exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or**  
23 **one interior mirror;**
- 24           **(9) Operational brakes;**
- 25           **(10) A horn;**
- 26           **(11) A windshield;**
- 27           **(12) A manufacturer's identification number permanently affixed to the frame**  
28 **of the vehicle;**
- 29           **(13) Safety belts on both front and rear seats;**
- 30           **(14) Reliable steering apparatus; and**
- 31           **(15) Safe tires.**
- 32           **3. In addition to safety equipment required under subsection 2 of this section,**  
33 **golf carts operated on city streets ~~[shall be equipped with adequate brakes and]~~ shall meet any**  
34 **other safety requirements imposed by the governing body.**
- 35           **4. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions of chapter 301.**
- 36           **[3-] 5. A person operating a golf cart under this section shall have a valid driver's**  
37 **license issued under chapter 302.**
- 38           **6. Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks constructed for pedestrian use or**  
39 **on trails designated for pedestrians and bicyclists.**
- 40           **7. Where a path for golf carts is designated and available for use that is adjacent**  
41 **to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart may, by local ordinance, be**  
42 **required to use that designated path.**
- 43           **8. A person operating a golf cart shall drive the vehicle as near to the right side**  
44 **of the roadway as practicable.**
- 45           **9. A person operating or riding in a golf cart shall not be required to wear**  
46 **protective headgear.**
- 47           **10. As used in this section, a "golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is designed and**  
48 **manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is**  
49 **not capable of exceeding speeds of ~~[twenty]~~ twenty-five miles per hour.**