A bill to be entitled

An act relating to golf cart crossings; amending s. 316.212, F.S.; authorizing operation of a golf cart for the purpose of crossing certain streets and highways under certain conditions; providing penalties; amending ss. 316.1995, 316.2125, 316.2126, and 316.2128, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (5) through (9) of section 316.212, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (10), respectively, paragraph (b) of present subsection (8) and present subsection (9) are amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

316.212 Operation of golf carts on certain roadways.—The operation of a golf cart upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited except as provided herein:

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a golf cart may be operated for the purpose of crossing a street or highway at a signalized intersection, provided that:

1. The intersection is located wholly within the boundaries of a single local governmental entity;

2. The local governmental entity has designated, for the

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operation of golf carts, the street or road located on both sides of the intersection with the street or highway; and

3. The local governmental entity has approved the operation of golf carts for the purpose of crossing at the intersection and has posted appropriate signs at the intersection to indicate that such operation is authorized.

(9) ~~(8)~~ A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance relating to:

(b) Golf cart operation on sidewalks adjacent to specific segments of municipal streets, county roads, or state highways within the jurisdictional territory of the local governmental entity if:

1. The local governmental entity determines, after considering the condition and current use of the sidewalks, the character of the surrounding community, and the locations of authorized golf cart crossings, that golf carts, bicycles, and pedestrians may safely share the sidewalk;

2. The local governmental entity consults with the Department of Transportation before adopting the ordinance;

3. The ordinance restricts golf carts to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour and permits such use on sidewalks adjacent to state highways only if the sidewalks are at least 8 feet wide;

4. The ordinance requires the golf carts to meet the equipment requirements in subsection (7) ~~(6)~~. However, the

ordinance may require additional equipment, including horns or other warning devices required by s. 316.271; and

5. The local governmental entity posts appropriate signs or otherwise informs residents that the ordinance exists and applies to such sidewalks.

(10) ~~(9)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(6) ~~(1)-(5)~~ or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (9) ~~(8)~~, or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (7) ~~(6)~~, subsection (8) ~~(7)~~, or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (9) ~~(8)~~.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.1995, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1995 Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.—

(1) Except as provided in s. 316.008, s. 316.20655, s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, or s. 316.2128, a person may not drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 316.2125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement community.—

(1) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 316.212, the reasonable operation of a golf cart, equipped and operated as provided in s. 316.212(6), (7), and (8) ~~s. 316.212 (5), (6), and (7)~~, within any self-contained retirement community is authorized ~~permitted~~ unless prohibited under subsection (2).

Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 316.2126, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles, and utility vehicles.—

(1) In addition to the powers granted by ss. 316.212 and 316.2125, municipalities are authorized to use golf carts and utility vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state, county, or municipal roads located within the corporate limits of such municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the operational and safety requirements in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125, and with any more restrictive ordinances enacted by the local governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, and shall be operated only by municipal employees for municipal purposes, including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

(b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~ and any more restrictive safety equipment required by the local governmental entity pursuant to

s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, such golf carts and utility vehicles must be equipped with sufficient lighting and turn signal equipment.

(3)

(c) All vehicles specified in this subsection must be:

1. Marked in a conspicuous manner with the name of the delivery service.

2. Equipped with, at a minimum, the equipment required under s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~.

3. Equipped with head lamps and tail lamps, in addition to the safety requirements in s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~, if operated after sunset.

Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 316.2128, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and miniature motorcycles; requirements.—

(5) A person who engages in the business of, serves in the capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of miniature motorcycles in this state must prominently display at his or her place of business a notice that such vehicles are not legal to operate on public roads, may not be registered as motor vehicles, and may not be operated on sidewalks unless authorized by an ordinance enacted pursuant to s. 316.008(7)(a) or s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~. The required notice must also appear in all forms of advertising offering miniature motorcycles for

sale. The notice and a copy of this section must also be provided to a consumer before ~~prior to~~ the consumer's purchasing or becoming obligated to purchase a miniature motorcycle.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.