**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑115, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE’S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A GOLF CART OWNER’S RESIDENCE IS LOCATED WITHIN A GATED COMMUNITY THE TWO‑MILE LIMIT WITHIN WHICH A GOLF CART OWNER MAY OPERATE HIS GOLF CART MUST BE MEASURED FROM THE COMMUNITY’S PRIMARY ENTRANCE AND NOT FROM THE OWNER’S RESIDENCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A GOLF CART ALONG A SECONDARY HIGHWAY OR STREET ON CERTAIN SEA ISLANDS, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “GATED COMMUNITY”, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A GOLF CART MAY CROSS CERTAIN SECONDARY HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑115 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑115. (A) The owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, if he has a valid driver’s license, may obtain a permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon the payment of a fee of five dollars and proof of financial responsibility which permits his agent, employees, or him to:

(1) operate the golf cart on a secondary highway or street within two miles of his residence or place of business during daylight hours only. When the owner’s residence is located within a gated community the two‑mile limit must be measured from the community’s primary entrance; ~~and~~

(2) cross a primary highway or street while traveling along a secondary highway or street within two miles of his residence or place of business during daylight hours only; and

(3) operate a golf cart along a secondary highway or street on a sea island whose total area is greater than seven square miles, but less than ten square miles.

(B) As contained in this section, ‘gated community’ means any homeowners’ community with at least one controlled access ingress and egress which includes the presence of a guard house, a mechanical barrier, or another method of controlled conveyance. (C) A golf cart may cross a secondary highway whose maximum speed limit is at least forty‑five miles an hour only at the location of a traffic control device.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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