

# Senate Study Bill 3136

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [321.1](#), Code Supplement 1999, is amended  
1 2 by adding the following new subsection after subsection 36 and  
1 3 renumbering subsection 36A:  
1 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 36A. "Low-speed vehicle" means a motor  
1 5 vehicle manufactured in compliance with the national highway  
1 6 and traffic safety administration standards for low-speed  
1 7 vehicles in 49 C.F.R. } 571.500. A low-speed vehicle which is  
1 8 in compliance with the equipment requirements in 49 C.F.R. }  
1 9 571.500 shall be deemed to be in compliance with all equipment  
1 10 requirements of this chapter.  
1 11 Sec. 2. Section [321.20](#), subsection 2, Code Supplement  
1 12 1999, is amended to read as follows:  
1 13 2. A description of the vehicle including, insofar as the  
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- specified data may exist with respect to a given  
1 15 vehicle, the make, model, type of body, the number of  
1 16 cylinders, the type of motor fuel used, the serial number of  
1 17 the vehicle, manufacturer's identification number, the engine  
1 18 or other number of the vehicle and whether new or used and if  
1 19 a new vehicle the date of sale by the manufacturer or dealer  
1 20 to the person intending to operate such vehicle. If the  
1 21 vehicle is a new low-speed vehicle, the manufacturer's or  
1 22 importer's certificate required to accompany the application  
1 23 under subsection 4 shall certify that the vehicle was  
1 24 manufactured in compliance with the national highway and  
1 25 traffic safety administration standards for low-speed vehicles  
1 26 in 49 C.F.R. } 571.500.

1 27 Sec. 3. Section [321.116](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as  
1 28 follows:  
1 29 321.116 ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILES.  
1 30 For an electric motor vehicle the annual fee is twenty-five  
1 31 dollars. However, if an electric motor vehicle is more than  
1 32 five model years old the annual registration fee is fifteen  
1 33 dollars. This section does not apply to low-speed vehicles  
1 34 that are electric.

1 35 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 321.381A OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED  
2 1 VEHICLES.

2 2 A low-speed vehicle shall not be operated on a street with  
2 3 a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour.  
2 4 This section shall not prohibit a low-speed vehicle from  
2 5 crossing a street with a posted speed limit greater than  
2 6 thirty-five miles per hour.

2 7 EXPLANATION

2 8 This bill defines a low-speed vehicle, for purposes of Code  
2 9 chapter 321, as a motor vehicle manufactured in compliance  
2 10 with the national highway and traffic safety administration  
2 11 standards for low-speed vehicles, as set forth in 49 C.F.R. }  
2 12 571.500. The bill deems compliance with the equipment  
2 13 requirements in the standards to be in compliance with the  
2 14 equipment requirements of Code chapter 321.

2 15 The bill provides that the manufacturer's or importer's  
2 16 certificate accompanying an application for registration and  
2 17 certificate of title for a new low-speed motor vehicle shall  
2 18 certify the vehicle was manufactured in compliance with the

2 19 standards in 49 C.F.R. } 571.500.

2 20 The bill excludes low-speed vehicles which are electric  
2 21 from Code section 321.116, which provides a lower annual  
2 22 registration fee for electric motor vehicles than for other  
2 23 motor vehicles.

2 24 The bill also prohibits low-speed vehicles from being  
2 25 operated on streets with posted speed limits greater than 35  
2 26 miles per hour, except when crossing such a street. A  
2 27 violation of this prohibition is a simple misdemeanor.

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