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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of golf carts on the streets
2 of an established community within an unincorporated area
3 and making a penalty applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.247, Code 2013, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.247 Golf cart operation ~~on city streets.~~**

4 1. ~~a. Incorporated areas may, upon approval of their~~ The
5 governing body, ~~of an incorporated area may allow the operation~~
6 of golf carts on city streets by persons possessing a valid
7 driver's license. However, a person shall not operate a golf
8 ~~cart shall not be operated~~ upon a city street which is a
9 primary road extension through the city ~~but shall be allowed to~~
10 except to cross a city street which is a primary road extension
11 through the city.

12 b. (1) A county board of supervisors may allow the
13 operation of golf carts on the streets of an established
14 community within the unincorporated area of the county by
15 persons possessing a valid driver's license. However, a person
16 shall not operate a golf cart upon a primary road within an
17 unincorporated area except to cross a section of a primary road
18 which lies within an established community in which golf cart
19 operation is permitted.

20 (2) For purposes of this lettered paragraph "b",
21 "established community" means an area designated by the county
22 board of supervisors which is the same or substantially the
23 same as an area identified by the United States census bureau
24 as a census designated place as of the most recent decennial
25 census.

26 c. The operation of golf carts pursuant to paragraph "a" or
27 "b" is only allowed between sunrise and sunset.

28 ~~b. d. The golf carts~~ A golf cart operated on streets
29 pursuant to paragraph "a" or "b" shall be equipped with a slow
30 moving vehicle sign, and a bicycle safety flag, and operate on
31 ~~the streets only from sunrise to sunset.~~

32 ~~c. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped~~
33 ~~with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety~~
34 ~~requirements imposed by the governing body or the board.~~

35 2. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions

1 of this chapter.

2 3. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a simple
3 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under section
4 805.8A, subsection 3.

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EXPLANATION

6 Under current law, golf carts may be operated on certain city
7 streets if approved by the governing body of the incorporated
8 area. Golf carts may not be operated on a primary road
9 extension within the city except to cross the primary road
10 extension, and golf cart operation is only allowed from sunrise
11 to sunset. The person operating the golf cart must have a
12 valid driver's license and the golf cart must be equipped with
13 a slow moving vehicle sign, a bicycle safety flag, and adequate
14 brakes. The governing body may impose additional safety
15 requirements.

16 This bill allows a county board of supervisors to allow
17 the operation of golf carts on the streets of an established
18 community within an unincorporated area. The bill defines
19 "established community" to mean an area designated by the
20 board of supervisors which is the same or substantially the
21 same as an area identified by the United States census bureau
22 as a census designated place as of the most recent decennial
23 census. Census designated places are statistical counterparts
24 of incorporated places and contain settled concentrations of
25 population which are identifiable by name. Under the bill,
26 golf cart operation in an established community within an
27 unincorporated area is subject to the same licensing and safety
28 equipment requirements currently applicable to the operation of
29 golf carts in cities. Golf carts are not permitted on primary
30 roads within an unincorporated area, except to cross a segment
31 of a primary road located within the established community
32 where golf cart operation is allowed. The bill specifies that
33 in cities and unincorporated areas where golf cart operation is
34 allowed, it may only take place between sunrise and sunset.

35 A person who violates provisions relating to the operation

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1 of a golf cart on a street commits a simple misdemeanor
2 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$100.