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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to golf cart operator exemptions from the
2 state driver's licensing requirements, and making penalties
3 applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.176, Code 2021, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 03. Any person with a physical or mental
4 disability while operating a golf cart on a city street
5 pursuant to section 321.247 if the governing body of the
6 applicable incorporated area does not require the person to
7 possess a valid driver's license in order to operate the golf
8 cart on city streets.

9 Sec. 2. Section 321.247, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
10 2021, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. Incorporated areas may, upon approval of their governing
12 body, allow the operation of golf carts on city streets by
13 persons possessing a valid driver's license or by persons
14 with a physical or mental disability who do not possess
15 a valid driver's license so long as a person possessing a
16 valid driver's license is in the golf cart while it is being
17 operated. However, a golf cart shall not be operated upon a
18 city street which is a primary road extension through the city
19 but shall be allowed to cross a city street which is a primary
20 road extension through the city.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 Current law permits the governing body of an incorporated
25 area to allow the operation of golf carts on city streets
26 within the incorporated area by persons possessing a valid
27 driver's license. This bill permits the governing body
28 of an incorporated area to allow a person with a physical
29 or mental disability who does not possess a valid driver's
30 license to operate a golf cart so long as a person possessing
31 a valid driver's license is in the golf cart while it is being
32 operated. The bill exempts persons with a physical or mental
33 disability from driver's license requirements while operating
34 golf carts if the governing body of the applicable incorporated
35 area does not require the person to possess a valid driver's

1 license under Code section 321.247.

2 A person who violates Code section 321.247 commits a simple

3 misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$135.