

**Senate File 48 - Introduced**

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BY WHITING

**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.