

Senate File 333 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to golf carts operated on city streets.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.247, subsection 1, paragraphs a and c,
2 Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

3 ~~a. Incorporated areas may, upon approval of their governing~~
4 ~~body, allow~~ A local authority shall not prohibit the operation of
5 golf carts on city streets by persons possessing a valid driver's
6 license. However, a golf cart shall not be operated ~~upon~~ on a
7 city street which is a primary road extension through the city
8 but shall be allowed to cross a city street which is a primary
9 road extension through the city.

10 ~~c. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped~~
11 ~~with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements~~
12 ~~imposed by the governing body~~ of the local authority.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 Under current law, incorporated areas are authorized to allow
17 the operation of golf carts on city streets by persons possessing
18 a valid driver's license. However, a golf cart is prohibited
19 from being operated on a city street which is a primary road
20 extension through the city but is allowed to cross such a primary
21 road extension. Golf carts are not subject to the vehicle
22 registration requirements under Code chapter 321 (motor vehicles
23 and law of the road).

24 This bill prohibits local authorities from prohibiting the
25 operation of golf carts on city streets by persons possessing a
26 valid driver's license.

27 The restrictions on the operation of a golf cart on city
28 streets under current law remain applicable, including that golf
29 carts must be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and
30 a bicycle safety flag, must be operated only from sunrise to
31 sunset, and must be equipped with adequate brakes and meet any
32 other safety requirements imposed by the local authority.