

February 11, 2009

H 121. REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS IN RIVER BEND. Filed 2/11/09. *TO ADD THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND TO THE TOWNS THAT MAY REGULATE GOLF CARTS.*

Amends GS 160A-300.5 by adding the town of River Bend to those local governments that may, by ordinance, (1) regulate the operation of golf carts on any public street or highway within the city limits, or on any property owned or leased by the city and (2) require the registration of golf carts, charge a registration fee, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts.

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March 18, 2009

H 121. REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (NEW). Filed 2/11/09.

House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes the contents of the 1st edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE GOLF CARTS.*

Enacts new 153A-245 (regulation of golf carts on streets, roads, and highways). Provides that notwithstanding GS 20-50 (regarding motor vehicle registration and certificates of title) and GS 20-54 (regarding the Division of Motor Vehicle's authority to refuse registration or certificate of title), a county may regulate the operation of golf carts on any public roadway within its county that is located in any unincorporated areas of the county, or on any property owned or leased by the county. Permits a county to by ordinance, (1) require the registration of golf carts, (2) charge a fee for the registration, (3) specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and (4) specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts. Enacts new GS 160A-300.6 to confer the same authority to regulate golf carts on public roadways to a municipality within its municipal limits, or on any property owned or leased by the municipality.

Repeals GS 160A-300.5 (Regulation of golf carts on streets in certain localities).

Makes conforming changes to repeal the following which authorized various individual towns, cities, and associations to regulate golf carts: (1) SL 2001-356, Section 6; (2) SL 2005-11, Section 1 as amended by SL 2007-18; (3) Section 9.4 of the Town of Cary Charter as enacted by SL 2005-117, Section 1; (4) Section 5.2 of the Town of Whispering Pines Charter as enacted by SL 2008-105; (5) SL 2006-27; (6) SL 2006-149; (7) SL 2006-152; (8) SL 2007-18; (9) SL 2007-72; (10) SL 2007-336; and (11) SL 2008-71. Make conforming changes to Section 1 of SL 2003-124, as amended, and Section 3 of SL 2005-11, as amended.

Effective October 1, 2009. Allows cities and counties to adopt an ordinance under the new statutes, but provides that the ordinance may not become effective before October 1, 2009. Provides that the repeal herein of any act does not affect the rights or liabilities of a local government that arose during the time the act was in effect, or under an ordinance adopted under such an act. Provides that if any county or city had adopted an ordinance under any act repealed by this act, and the act would be permitted under the new statutes in this act, then the ordinance remains in effect until amended or repealed by that county or city.

June 24, 2009

H 121. REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. Filed 2/11/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends proposed GS 153A-245 (counties) and GS 160A-300.6 (municipalities) to provide that the local government may by ordinance regulate the operation of golf carts, *as defined in GS 20-4.01(12a)*, on any public street, road, or highway *where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less* within the specified areas. Prohibits a person less than 16 years old from operating a golf cart on a public street, road, or highway.

August 18, 2009

SL 2009-459 (H 121). REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE GOLF CARTS.

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