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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would relate to any Class 2
9 municipality and would authorize the municipality
10 to provide for the operation of low-speed vehicles
11 upon certain streets in the municipality under
12 limited circumstances and conditions.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to any Class 2 municipality; to authorize
19 the municipality to provide for the operation of low-speed
20 vehicles upon certain streets in the municipality under
21 limited circumstances and conditions.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. This act shall only apply in Class 2
24 municipalities.

25 Section 2. Any Class 2 municipality may authorize
26 the operation of low-speed vehicles upon certain designated
27 municipal streets under limited circumstances and conditions.

1 Section 3. The municipality shall determine the
2 appropriate municipal roads or streets for the operation of
3 low-speed vehicles, including concierge and golf carts. The
4 municipality shall determine that the vehicles may safely
5 travel on or cross the public road or street, considering
6 factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor
7 vehicle traffic using the road or street.

8 Section 4. A low-speed vehicle, including concierge
9 and golf carts, may only be operated on any public roads or
10 streets under the following conditions:

11 (1) The vehicle may not be operated on a public road
12 or street by any person other than a licensed driver.

13 (2) The vehicle may be operated only during the
14 hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the municipality has
15 determined that a low-speed vehicle may be operated between
16 sunset and sunrise and the vehicle is equipped with
17 headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

18 (3) The vehicle shall be equipped with efficient
19 brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, rear view
20 mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices on both the
21 front and rear.

22 Section 5. A low-speed vehicle, including concierge
23 and golf carts, may cross a part of a state highway system
24 only if both of the following conditions are met:

25 (1) A low-speed vehicle may only cross a part of a
26 state highway that intersects a municipal street that has been

1 designated for use by low-speed vehicles, including concierge
2 and golf carts.

3 (2) The state Department of Transportation has
4 reviewed and approved the location and design of the crossing
5 and any traffic control devices needed for safety purposes.

6 Section 6. Any Class 2 municipality may impose civil
7 penalties for any violation of this act or the local ordinance
8 adopted pursuant to this act.

9 Section 7. This act shall become effective
10 immediately following its passage and approval by the
11 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.