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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.