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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for  
3 definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing  
4 for vehicles exempt from registration; and providing for  
5 operation of golf carts.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

11 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
12 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
13 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
14 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
15 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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17 "Golf cart." A self-propelled motor vehicle designed and  
18 manufactured for the transportation of persons or equipment for  
19 sporting or recreational purposes that is not capable of

1 exceeding a speed of 20 miles per hour.

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3 Section 2. Section 1302(3) of Title 75 is amended to read:

4 § 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

5 The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

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7 (3) Any self-propelled golf cart used for the  
8 transportation of persons [engaged in the game of golf] or  
9 equipment for sporting or recreational purpose while crossing  
10 [any] certain public [highway during any game of golf]  
11 highways.

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13 Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

14 CHAPTER 77A

15 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

16 Sec.

17 77A01. Operation on highways.

18 77A02. Designation of golf-cart crossings.

19 77A03. Operation by persons under 16 years of age.

20 § 77A01. Operation on highways.

21 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this  
22 chapter, it is unlawful to operate a golf cart on any highway.

23 (b) Crossing highway.--A golf cart may make a direct  
24 crossing of a highway upon compliance with the following  
25 requirements:

26 (1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90  
27 degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where  
28 no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

29 (2) The golf cart is brought to a complete stop before  
30 crossing the shoulder or main-traveled way of the highway.

1           (3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming  
2           traffic.

3   § 77A02. Designation of golf-cart crossings.

4           (a) General rule.--The department on State-designated  
5           highways and a local authority on highways within the local  
6           authority's jurisdiction may designate a crossing within the  
7           jurisdiction as a golf-cart crossing with official traffic-  
8           control devices for the crossings.

9           (b) Posting notices.--Adequate notice of golf-cart crossing  
10           designations shall be sufficiently and prominently displayed.

11           (c) Homeowners associations.--If a golf-cart crossing is  
12           beneficial to residents of a homeowners association, the  
13           homeowners association shall be responsible for costs incurred  
14           by the department or political subdivision.

15           (d) Liability.--No liability may be imposed on the  
16           department or any other State agency or any political  
17           subdivision of this Commonwealth as a result of designating any  
18           crossing over any highway as a golf-cart crossing as provided  
19           under subsection (a).

20   § 77A03. Operation by persons under 16 years of age.

21           A person under 16 years of age may not drive a golf cart  
22           across any highway unless the person is under the direct  
23           supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

24           Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.