

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO AND DINNIMAN, JUNE 19, 2017

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, JULY 18, 2017

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, maintenance or recreational purposes that is not

1 capable of exceeding a speed of 20 miles per hour.

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3 Section 2. Section 1302(3) and (14) of Title 75 are amended  
4 to read:

5 § 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

6 The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

7 \* \* \*

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

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14 (14) Any vehicle used for golf course [or] maintenance,  
15 resort maintenance or college, university or seminary campus  
16 maintenance when such vehicle does not travel on public roads  
17 in excess of one mile and the property on both sides of the  
18 public road is owned by said golf course [or], resort or  
19 college, university or seminary.

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

22 CHAPTER 77A

23 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

24 Sec.

25 77A01. Operation on highways.

26 77A02. Designation of golf-cart crossings.

27 77A03. Operation by persons ~~under~~ BETWEEN 12 AND 16 years of <--  
28 age.

29 § 77A01. Operation on highways.

30 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided under this

1 chapter, it is unlawful to operate a golf cart on any highway.

2 (b) Crossing highway.--A golf cart may make a direct  
3 crossing of a highway upon compliance with the following  
4 requirements:

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

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

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

12 § 77A02. Designation of golf-cart crossings.

13 (a) General rule.--The department on State-designated  
14 highways and a local authority on highways within the local  
15 authority's jurisdiction may designate a crossing within the  
16 jurisdiction as a golf-cart crossing with official traffic-  
17 control devices for the crossings.

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

20 (c) Golf-cart crossing costs.--If a golf-cart crossing is  
21 beneficial to residents of a homeowners association, a private  
22 college or other private entity, the homeowners association,  
23 private college or other private entity shall be responsible for  
24 costs incurred by the department or political subdivision.

25 (d) Liability.--Liability may not be imposed on the  
26 department or any other State agency or any political  
27 subdivision of this Commonwealth as a result of designating any  
28 crossing over any highway as a golf-cart crossing as provided  
29 under subsection (a).

30 § 77A03. Operation by persons ~~under~~ BETWEEN 12 AND 16 years of <--

1           age.

2        A person ~~under~~ BETWEEN 12 AND 16 years of age may not drive a <--  
3 golf cart across any highway unless the person is under the  
4 direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

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