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By Senators Haugen and Hobbs

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1 AN ACT Relating to golf cart zones; and amending RCW 46.08.175.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.08.175 and 2010 c 217 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The legislative authority of a city or county may by ordinance
6 or resolution create a golf cart zone, for the purposes of permitting
7 the incidental operation of golf carts, as defined in RCW 46.04.1945,
8 upon a street or highway of this state having a speed limit of twenty-
9 five miles per hour or less.

10 (2) Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this
11 section is granted all rights and is subject to all duties applicable
12 to the driver of a vehicle under chapter 46.61 RCW.

13 (3) Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this
14 section must be at least sixteen years of age and must have completed
15 a driver education course or have previous experience driving as a
16 licensed driver.

17 (4) A person who has a revoked license under RCW 46.20.285 may not
18 operate a golf cart as authorized under this section.

1 (5) The legislative authority of a city or county may (~~prohibit~~
2 ~~any person from operating a golf cart as authorized under this section~~
3 ~~at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before~~
4 ~~sunrise~~) set other operational requirements including, but not limited
5 to, setting the hours that a golf cart may be operated in the golf cart
6 zone.

7 (6) The legislative authority of a city or county may require a
8 decal or other identifying device to be displayed on golf carts
9 authorized on the streets and highways of this state under this
10 section. The city or county may charge a fee for the decal or other
11 identifying device.

12 (7) The legislative authority of a city or county may prohibit the
13 operation of golf carts in designated bicycle lanes that are within a
14 golf cart zone.

15 (8) Golf carts must be equipped with reflectors, seat belts, and
16 rearview mirrors when operated upon streets and highways as authorized
17 under this section. However, the legislative authority of a city or
18 county may require additional equipment beyond what is listed in this
19 subsection.

20 (9) A city or county that creates a golf cart zone under this
21 section must clearly identify the zone by placing signage at the
22 beginning and end of the golf cart zone on a street or road that is
23 part of the golf cart zone. The signage must be in compliance with the
24 department of transportation's manual on uniform traffic control
25 devices for streets and highways.

26 (10) Accidents that involve golf carts operated upon streets and
27 highways as authorized under this section must be recorded and tracked
28 in compliance with chapter 46.52 RCW. The accident report must
29 indicate that a golf cart operating within a golf cart zone is involved
30 in the accident.

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