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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND USE OF CERTAIN LOW SPEED NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (100) as follows
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (NEW) (100) "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a four-wheel,
5 self-propelled, electrically-powered motor vehicle designed for
6 conveyance of passengers, that has an attainable speed of not less than
7 twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour
8 on a paved, level surface and that conforms with standards adopted
9 for low speed vehicles by the National Highway Safety and Traffic
10 Administration, in accordance with 49 CFR 571.500, as amended from
11 time to time.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
13 Motor Vehicles may, on application in accordance with the provisions
14 of section 14-12 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes and
15 subject to the financial responsibility provisions of section 14-112 of the

16 general statutes, issue a certificate of registration and marker plates to
17 the owner or lessee of a neighborhood electric vehicle. The applicant
18 shall pay the fee required under subsection (f) of section 14-49 of the
19 general statutes. Such owner or lessee shall carry such registration and
20 proof of financial responsibility in the vehicle and display marker
21 plates as required by section 14-18 of the general statutes. The
22 commissioner shall issue a certificate of title, pursuant to the
23 provisions of chapter 247 of the general statutes, for each vehicle that
24 has been issued a manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin and
25 vehicle identification number.

26 (b) No individual may operate a neighborhood electric vehicle
27 unless (1) the individual carries a valid motor vehicle operator's license
28 or learner's permit, (2) a certificate of registration and automobile
29 insurance identification card for the vehicle are carried in the motor
30 vehicle and marker plates are displayed in accordance with the
31 provisions of section 14-18 of the general statutes, and (3) such vehicle
32 is equipped in accordance with the requirements of sections 14-80 to
33 14-106c, inclusive, of the general statutes, except insofar as any
34 requirement of said sections is inapplicable to or inconsistent with the
35 design and equipment standards for low speed vehicles, as adopted by
36 the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration in accordance
37 with 49 CFR 571.000, as amended from time to time.

38 (c) A neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated on a highway
39 only if such highway has an established speed limit of no more than
40 thirty miles per hour, except that the traffic authority of any
41 municipality may limit or prohibit the operation of neighborhood
42 electric vehicles on any highway under the jurisdiction of such local
43 traffic authority.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	14-1(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for registration and equipment standards for neighborhood electric vehicles and to permit their operation on highways with posted speed limits of thirty miles per hour or less.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]