



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 320

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

40 (c) No individual may operate a neighborhood electric vehicle
41 unless (1) such individual owns, leases or has a contractual right to use
42 such vehicle and such individual operates such vehicle on premises
43 over which such individual or such individual's employer has control
44 or a possessory interest, or on which such individual or such
45 individual's employer has a contractual right to operate such vehicle,
46 or (2) such vehicle is operated by such individual, identified in
47 subdivision (1) of this subsection, across, by the shortest practicable
48 route, a highway with an established speed limit of no more than
49 thirty miles per hour that is on, or contiguous to, the premises of such
50 employer identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided
51 such employer is a college or university, except that the traffic
52 authority of any municipality may limit or prohibit the operation of
53 neighborhood electric vehicles on any highway under the jurisdiction

54 of such local 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

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