

1 AN ACT relating to low-speed vehicles and declaring an emergency.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.282 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) As used in this section, "low-speed vehicle" shall have the same meaning as in KRS  
5 186.010.
- 6 (2) A person may operate a low-speed vehicle on a highway if:
- 7 (a) The vehicle meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed  
8 vehicles set forth in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.500;
- 9 (b) The vehicle displays a seventeen (17) character vehicle identification number  
10 that meets the requirements set forth in 49 C.F.R. pt. 565;
- 11 (c) The posted speed limit of the highway is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or  
12 less;
- 13 (d) The operator of the low-speed vehicle does not cross a roadway at an at-grade  
14 intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more  
15 than thirty-five (35) miles per hour unless the intersection is equipped with an  
16 electronic traffic signal;
- 17 (e) The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession; and
- 18 (f) The low-speed vehicle has not been modified to increase its speed above its  
19 original standard manufactured limit.
- 20 (3) A low-speed vehicle operating on a highway shall be insured in compliance with  
21 KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be  
22 inside the vehicle at all times of operation on a highway.
- 23 (4) A low-speed vehicle operating on a highway is considered to be a motor vehicle as  
24 defined in KRS 186.010 and shall be titled in accordance with KRS Chapter 186A  
25 and registered as a motor vehicle in accordance with KRS 186.050(3)(a).
- 26 (5) **Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section,** an operator of a low-speed  
27 vehicle operating on a highway shall comply with the traffic regulations of KRS

1 Chapter 189 and shall be subject to the provisions of KRS Chapter 189A.

2 **(6) A low-speed vehicle that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards**  
3 **for low-speed vehicles set forth in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.500 shall not:**

4 **(a) Be subject to any additional federal motor vehicle safety standards or any**  
5 **vehicle equipment standards in this chapter that are not applicable to low-**  
6 **speed vehicles; or**

7 **(b) Have the Transportation Cabinet refuse to register it as a motor vehicle**  
8 **because it does not meet any additional federal motor vehicle safety**  
9 **standards or any vehicle equipment standards in this chapter that are not**  
10 **applicable to low-speed vehicles.**

11 ➔Section 2. Whereas recent communications with Kentucky drivers have caused  
12 confusion over the ability to register low-speed vehicles in the Commonwealth, an  
13 emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by  
14 the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.