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

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 19, 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:

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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 16 years of age.

28 § 77A01. Operation on highways.

29 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided under this
30 chapter, it is unlawful to operate a golf cart on any highway.

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

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

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

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

11 § 77A02. Designation of golf-cart crossings.

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

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

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

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

29 § 77A03. Operation by persons under 16 years of age.

30 A person under 16 years of age may not drive a golf cart

1 across any highway unless the person is under the direct
2 supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

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