

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1274

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

Basic Change :

Representative Hickerson

Under current law, a municipality may authorize the operation of golf carts, without registration, on the municipality's streets if such streets are not also designated as federal or state highways or a county road. Current law limits such operation to provide that the golf cart may only be operated from the owner's place of residence to the golf course and return to the owner's residence. The bill removes the restriction for operation to and from residence and golf course only.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

Golf cart owners may operate their golf carts on any street within their municipality, if authorized by the municipality, with no restriction other than streets that are also designated as a federal or state highway or a county road.

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

None

Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

Currently, municipalities may allow golf carts to operate on city streets (not streets that are designated federal or state highways or county roads) between the owner's residence and a golf course. Golf carts used for this purpose are not required to be registered or licensed. This bill removes the limitation that golf carts may only be operated between the owner's residence and golf course and, thus, allows municipalities to authorize the operation of golf carts on city streets that are not federal or state highways regardless of the destination and without requiring registration or licensing of the golf cart.