



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SB0025

Introduced 1/26/2005, by Sen. Terry Link

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Prohibits a person from driving or operating a neighborhood electric vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in the State, except under certain conditions. Provides that a person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle may not make a direct crossing upon or across any highway under the jurisdiction of the State, tollroad, interstate highway, or controlled access highway in the State. Permits a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government to authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction. Permits the Department of Transportation to authorize the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on the roadways under its jurisdiction. Establishes conditions under which the Department of Transportation or a unit of local government may authorize the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on its roadways. Defines a "neighborhood electric vehicle" as a self-propelled, electronically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle which is capable of attaining in one mile a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, but not more than 25 miles per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

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1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
5 Section 11-1426.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 new)

7 Sec. 11-1426.1. Operation of neighborhood electric
8 vehicles on streets, roads, and highways.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "neighborhood electric
10 vehicle" means a self-propelled, electronically powered
11 four-wheeled motor vehicle which is capable of attaining in one
12 mile a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, but not more than
13 25 miles per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations
14 under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is
16 unlawful for any person to drive or operate a neighborhood
17 electric vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this
18 State.

19 (c) No person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle
20 shall make a direct crossing upon or across any highway under
21 the jurisdiction of the State, tollroad, interstate highway, or
22 controlled access highway in this State.

23 (d) A municipality, township, county, or other unit of
24 local government may authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the
25 operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on roadways under
26 its jurisdiction. The Department may authorize the operation of
27 neighborhood electric vehicles on the roadways under its
28 jurisdiction.

29 Before permitting the operation of neighborhood electric
30 vehicles on its roadways, a municipality, township, county,
31 other unit of local government, or the Department must consider
32 the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadway and

1 determine whether neighborhood electric vehicles may safely
2 travel on or cross the roadway. Upon determining that
3 neighborhood electric vehicles may safely operate on a roadway
4 and the adoption of an ordinance or resolution by a
5 municipality, township, county, or other unit of local
6 government, or authorization by the Department, appropriate
7 signs shall be posted.

8 If a roadway is under the jurisdiction of more than one
9 unit of government, neighborhood electric vehicles may not be
10 operated on the roadway unless each unit of government agrees
11 and takes action as provided in this subsection.

12 (e) No neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated on a
13 roadway unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a
14 steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red
15 reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow
16 moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in Section 12-709
17 of this Code) on the rear of the neighborhood electric vehicle,
18 a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of
19 500 feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light
20 visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, and
21 turn signals. When operated on a roadway, a neighborhood
22 electric vehicle shall have its headlight and tail lamps
23 lighted as required by Section 12-201 of this Code.

24 (f) A person who drives or is in actual physical control of
25 a neighborhood electric vehicle on a roadway while under the
26 influence is subject to Sections 11-500 through 11-502 of this
27 Code.