

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 changing
5 Section 11-1426.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1)

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. If the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle is
19 authorized under subsection (d), the neighborhood electric
20 vehicle may be operated only on streets where the posted speed
21 limit is 35 miles per hour or less. This subsection (b) does
22 not prohibit a neighborhood electric vehicle from crossing a
23 road or street at an intersection where the road or street has

1 a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

2 (b-5) A person may not operate a neighborhood electric
3 vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this State
4 unless he or she has a valid Illinois driver's license issued
5 in his or her name by the Secretary of State.

6 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c-5), no ~~no~~
7 person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle shall make a
8 direct crossing upon or across any highway under the
9 jurisdiction of the State, tollroad, interstate highway, or
10 controlled access highway in this State.

11 (c-5) A person may make a direct crossing at an
12 intersection controlled by a traffic light or 4-way stop sign
13 upon or across a highway under the jurisdiction of the State if
14 the speed limit on the highway is 35 miles per hour or less at
15 the place of crossing.

16 (d) A municipality, township, county, or other unit of
17 local government may authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the
18 operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on roadways under
19 its jurisdiction if the unit of local government determines
20 that the public safety will not be jeopardized. The Department
21 may authorize the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles
22 on the roadways under its jurisdiction if the Department
23 determines that the public safety will not be jeopardized.

24 Before permitting the operation of neighborhood electric
25 vehicles on its roadways, a municipality, township, county,
26 other unit of local government, or the Department must consider

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

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

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

25 (f) A person who drives or is in actual physical control of
26 a neighborhood electric vehicle on a roadway while under the

1 influence is subject to Sections 11-500 through 11-502 of this
2 Code.

3 (Source: P.A. 94-298, eff. 1-1-06.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.