

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 vehicles on
8 streets, roads, and highways.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "neighborhood vehicle" means a
10 self-propelled, electronically powered four-wheeled motor
11 vehicle (or a self-propelled, gasoline-powered four-wheeled
12 motor vehicle with an engine displacement under 1,200 cubic
13 centimeters) which is capable of attaining in one mile a speed
14 of more than 20 miles per hour, but not more than 25 miles per
15 hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under Title 49
16 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

17 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is
18 unlawful for any person to drive or operate a neighborhood
19 vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this State. If
20 the operation of a neighborhood vehicle is authorized under
21 subsection (d), the neighborhood vehicle may be operated only
22 on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or
23 less. This subsection (b) does not prohibit a neighborhood

1 vehicle from crossing a road or street at an intersection where
2 the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35
3 miles per hour.

4 (b-5) A person may not operate a neighborhood vehicle upon
5 any street, highway, or roadway in this State unless:

6 (1) the person ~~he or she~~ has a valid Illinois driver's
7 license issued in his or her name by the Secretary of
8 State;

9 (2) the person has obtained a certificate of title for
10 the neighborhood vehicle from the Secretary of State;

11 (3) the person has registered the neighborhood vehicle
12 with the Secretary of State; and

13 (4) the person has obtained a liability insurance
14 policy covering the neighborhood vehicle in accordance
15 with Section 7-601 of this Code.

16 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c-5), no
17 person operating a neighborhood vehicle shall make a direct
18 crossing upon or across any highway under the jurisdiction of
19 the State, tollroad, interstate highway, or controlled access
20 highway in this State.

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

26 (d) A municipality, township, county, or other unit of

1 local government may authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the
2 operation of neighborhood vehicles on roadways under its
3 jurisdiction if the unit of local government determines that
4 the public safety will not be jeopardized. The Department may
5 authorize the operation of neighborhood vehicles on the
6 roadways under its jurisdiction if the Department determines
7 that the public safety will not be jeopardized.

8 Before permitting the operation of neighborhood vehicles
9 on its roadways, a municipality, township, county, other unit
10 of local government, or the Department must consider the
11 volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadway and
12 determine whether neighborhood vehicles may safely travel on or
13 cross the roadway. Upon determining that neighborhood vehicles
14 may safely operate on a roadway and the adoption of an
15 ordinance or resolution by a municipality, township, county, or
16 other unit of local government, or authorization by the
17 Department, appropriate signs shall be posted.

18 If a roadway is under the jurisdiction of more than one
19 unit of government, neighborhood vehicles may not be operated
20 on the roadway unless each unit of government agrees and takes
21 action as provided in this subsection.

22 (e) No neighborhood vehicle may be operated on a roadway
23 unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a steering
24 apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning
25 devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as
26 required of other vehicles in Section 12-709 of this Code) on

1 the rear of the neighborhood vehicle, a headlight that emits a
2 white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, a
3 tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet
4 from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals. When operated on
5 a roadway, a neighborhood vehicle shall have its headlight and
6 tail lamps lighted as required by Section 12-201 of this Code.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 94-298, eff. 1-1-06; 95-150, 8-14-07; 95-414,
11 eff. 8-24-07; 95-575, eff. 8-31-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)