

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 110

Introduced by Assembly Member Hannigan

January 10, 1995

An act to amend Sections 1950, 1951, 1953, 1957, 1959, and 1961 of, to amend the heading of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1950) of Division 2.5 of, to repeal Section 1963 of, and to repeal Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 1930) of Division 2.5 of, the Streets and Highways Code, and to amend Section 21716 of, and to repeal Section 21716 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 110, as introduced, Hannigan. Vehicles: golf cart transportation plan.

(1) Under existing law, golf carts may be operated in a limited manner on local highways. No golf cart may be operated on any highway except in a speed zone of 25 miles per hour or less.

Existing law also establishes 2 separate, 5-year pilot projects authorizing, the City of Palm Desert and the City of Roseville, respectively, to establish golf cart lanes or adopt a golf cart transportation plan in a specified plan area.

This bill would repeal the City of Palm Desert golf cart pilot project and would expand the scope of the provisions governing the City of Roseville pilot project to allow any city to adopt a golf cart transportation plan. The bill would delete the 5-year limitation. Because the bill would make a violation of certain restrictions regarding operating the golf carts an

infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by expanding the scope of a crime.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5 (commencing with Section
2 1930) of Division 2.5 of the Streets and Highways Code is
3 repealed.

4 SEC. 2. The heading of Chapter 6 (commencing with
5 Section 1950) of Division 2.5 of the Streets and Highways
6 Code is amended to read:

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8 CHAPTER 6. GOLF CART TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
9 PLAN

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11 SEC. 3. Section 1950 of the Streets and Highways
12 Code is amended to read:

13 1950. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting
14 this chapter, to authorize ~~the establishment of any city to~~
15 ~~establish~~ a golf cart transportation ~~program-plan~~ for the
16 ~~Del Webb Specific Plan-a plan~~ area in the ~~City of Roseville~~
17 ~~city~~. It is the further intent of the Legislature that this
18 transportation ~~system-plan~~ be designed and developed to
19 best serve the functional travel needs of the ~~Del Webb~~
20 ~~Specific Plan-plan area~~, to have the physical safety of the
21 golf cart driver's person and property as a major planning
22 component, and to have the capacity to accommodate
23 golf cart drivers of every legal age and range of skills.

24 SEC. 4. Section 1951 of the Streets and Highways
25 Code is amended to read:

26 1951. The following definitions apply to this chapter:

27 (a) "City" means the City of Roseville.



1 ~~(b)~~ “Plan area” means ~~the Del Webb Specific Plan in~~
2 ~~the City of Roseville that territory under the jurisdiction~~
3 ~~of a city designated by the city for a golf cart~~
4 ~~transportation plan.~~

5 ~~(e)~~

6 (b) “Golf cart” means a motor vehicle having not less
7 than three wheels in contact with the ground and
8 unladen weight less than 1,300 pounds which is designed
9 to be and is operated at not more than 25 miles per hour
10 and is designated to carry golf equipment and not more
11 than two persons, including the driver.

12 ~~(d)~~

13 (c) “Golf cart lanes” means all ~~publicly owned~~
14 *publicly owned* facilities that provide for golf cart travel
15 including roadways designated by signs or permanent
16 markings which are shared with pedestrians, bicyclists,
17 and other motorists in the plan area.

18 SEC. 5. Section 1953 of the Streets and Highways
19 Code is amended to read:

20 1953. ~~The~~ A city may, by ordinance or resolution,
21 adopt a golf cart transportation plan. No transportation
22 plan may be adopted which has not received a prior
23 review and the comments of the appropriate
24 transportation planning agency designated under
25 subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 29532 of the Government
26 Code.

27 SEC. 6. Section 1957 of the Streets and Highways
28 Code is amended to read:

29 1957. If ~~the~~ a city adopts a golf cart transportation
30 plan, it shall do both of the following:

31 (a) Establish minimum general design criteria for the
32 development, planning, and construction of separated
33 golf cart lanes, including, but not limited to, the design
34 speed of the facility, the space requirements of the golf
35 cart, and roadway design criteria.

36 (b) In cooperation with the department, establish
37 uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers,
38 and traffic control devices to control golf cart traffic, to
39 warn of dangerous conditions, obstacles, or hazards; to
40 designate the right-of-way as between golf carts and other



1 vehicles; to state the nature and destination of the golf
2 cart lane; and to warn pedestrians, bicyclists, and
3 motorists of the presence of golf cart traffic.

4 SEC. 7. Section 1959 of the Streets and Highways
5 Code is amended to read:

6 1959. ~~The~~ *A city that adopts a golf transportation plan*
7 may do the following:

8 (a) Acquire, by dedication, purchase, or
9 condemnation, real property, including easements or
10 rights-of-way, to establish golf cart lanes.

11 (b) Establish a golf cart transportation plan as
12 authorized by this chapter.

13 SEC. 8. Section 1961 of the Streets and Highways
14 Code is amended to read:

15 1961. ~~The~~ *A city that adopts a golf cart transportation*
16 *plan* shall adopt all of the following as part of the ~~golf cart~~
17 ~~transportation~~ plan:

18 (a) Minimum design criteria for golf carts, ~~which that~~
19 may include, but not be limited to, headlights, turn
20 signals, safety devices, mirrors, brake lights, windshields,
21 and other devices. The criteria shall include
22 requirements for seatbelts and a covered passenger
23 compartment.

24 (b) A permit process for golf carts that requires
25 permitted golf carts to meet minimum design criteria
26 adopted pursuant to subdivision (a). The permit process
27 may include, but not be limited to, permit posting, permit
28 renewal, operator education, and other related matters.

29 (c) Minimum safety criteria for golf cart operators,
30 including, but not limited to, requirements relating to
31 golf cart maintenance and golf cart safety. Operators shall
32 be required to possess a valid California driver's license
33 and to comply with the financial responsibility
34 requirements established pursuant to Chapter 1
35 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 7.

36 (d) (1) Restrictions limiting the operation of golf
37 carts to separated golf cart lanes on those roadways
38 identified in the transportation plan, and allowing only
39 those golf carts that have been retrofitted with the safety
40 equipment specified in the plan to be operated on



1 separated golf cart lanes of approved roadways in the plan
2 area.

3 (2) Any person operating a golf cart in the plan area
4 in violation of this subdivision is guilty of an infraction
5 punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars
6 (\$100).

7 SEC. 9. Section 1963 of the Streets and Highways
8 Code is repealed.

9 ~~1963. On January 1, 1997, and on January 1, 1999, the~~
10 ~~city shall transmit a report to the Legislature concerning~~
11 ~~any accidents involving, or related to the operation of,~~
12 ~~golf carts participating in the program, any violations of~~
13 ~~city ordinances involving golf carts, and a summary of~~
14 ~~new actions taken by the city in the previous year~~
15 ~~concerning the program.~~

16 SEC. 10. Section 21716 of the Vehicle Code, as
17 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 598 of the Statutes of
18 1994, is amended to read:

19 21716. Except as provided in Section 21115.1, ~~Chapter~~
20 ~~5 (commencing with Section 1930) of Division 2.5 of the~~
21 ~~Streets and Highways Code, and Chapter 6 (commencing~~
22 ~~with Section 1950) of Division 2.5 of the Streets and~~
23 ~~Highways Code, no person shall operate a golf cart on any~~
24 ~~highway except in a speed zone of 25 miles per hour or~~
25 ~~less.~~

26 ~~This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,~~
27 ~~1998, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted~~
28 ~~statute, which is enacted before January 1, 1998, deletes~~
29 ~~or extends that date.~~

30 SEC. 11. Section 21716 of the Vehicle Code, as
31 amended by Section 3 of Chapter 598 of the Statutes of
32 1994, is repealed.

33 ~~21716. Except as provided in Section 21115.1, and~~
34 ~~Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1950) of Division~~
35 ~~2.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, no person shall~~
36 ~~operate a golf cart on any highway except in a speed zone~~
37 ~~of 25 miles per hour or less.~~

38 ~~This section shall become operative on January 1, 1998.~~

39 SEC. 12. No reimbursement is required by this act
40 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California



1 Constitution because the only costs which may be
2 incurred by a local agency or school district will be
3 incurred because this act creates a new crime or
4 infraction, changes the definition of a crime or infraction,
5 changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, or
6 eliminates a crime or infraction. Notwithstanding Section
7 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise
8 specified in this act, the provisions of this act shall become
9 operative on the same date that the act takes effect
10 pursuant to the California Constitution.

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