

**Introduced by Senator Maddy**

February 24, 1997

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An act to repeal Section 1967 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

SB 525, as introduced, Maddy. Vehicles: golf carts.

(1) Existing law authorizes, until January 1, 1998, any city or county to establish a golf cart transportation plan establishing golf cart lanes, as defined, for the travel of golf carts on roadways designated in the plan.

Existing law prohibits any person from operating a golf cart on any highway except in a speed zone of 25 miles per hour or less. Among other exceptions to that prohibition is, until January 1, 1998, a person operating a golf cart in a golf cart lane that is part of a golf cart transportation plan.

This bill would delete the repeal dates specified above and would thus extend those provisions indefinitely.

Because violations of certain provisions that the bill would extend indefinitely are infractions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by extending the duration of existing crimes.

(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. Section 1967 of the Streets and  
 2 Highways Code is repealed.  
 3 ~~1967. This chapter shall remain in effect only until~~  
 4 ~~January 1, 1998, and as of that date is repealed, unless a~~  
 5 ~~later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before January~~  
 6 ~~1, 1998, deletes or extends that date.~~

7 SEC. 2. Section 21716 of the Vehicle Code, as  
 8 amended by Section 12 of Chapter 334 of the Statutes of  
 9 1995, is amended to read:  
 10 21716. (a) Except as provided in Section 21115.1 and  
 11 Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1950) of Division  
 12 2.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, no person shall  
 13 operate a golf cart on any highway except in a speed zone  
 14 of 25 miles per hour or less.  
 15 (b) ~~This section shall remain in effect only until~~  
 16 ~~January 1, 1998, and as of that date is repealed, unless a~~  
 17 ~~later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before January~~  
 18 ~~1, 1998, deletes or extends that date.~~

19 SEC. 3. Section 21716 of the Vehicle Code, as added  
 20 by Section 13 of Chapter 334 of the Statutes of 1995, is  
 21 repealed.  
 22 ~~21716. (a) Except as provided in Section 21115.1, no~~  
 23 ~~person shall operate a golf cart on any highway except in~~  
 24 ~~a speed zone of 25 miles per hour or less.~~  
 25 (b) ~~This section shall become operative on January 1,~~  
 26 ~~1998.~~

27 SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act  
 28 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
 29 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred  
 30 by a local agency or school district will be incurred  
 31 because this act creates a new crime or infraction,  
 32 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
 33 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section  
 34 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition



1 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article  
2 XIII B of the California Constitution.  
3 Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government  
4 Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act  
5 shall become operative on the same date that the act  
6 takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

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