

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 1-148.3m, 11-1426.1, and 11-1426.2 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/1-148.3m)

Sec. 1-148.3m. Neighborhood vehicle. A self-propelled, electric-powered, four-wheeled motor vehicle (or a self-propelled, gasoline-powered, four-wheeled motor vehicle with an engine displacement under 1,200 cubic centimeters) that 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 does not conform ~~conforms~~ to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

(Source: P.A. 96-279, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1)

Sec. 11-1426.1. Operation of non-highway vehicles on streets, roads, and highways.

(a) As used in this Section, "non-highway vehicle" means a motor vehicle not specifically designed to be used on a public highway, including:

(1) an all-terrain vehicle, as defined by Section

1-101.8 of this Code;

(2) a golf cart, as defined by Section 1-123.9;

(3) a neighborhood vehicle, as defined by Section 1-148.3m; ~~and~~

(4) an off-highway motorcycle, as defined by Section 1-153.1; and ~~and~~

(5) a recreational off-highway vehicle, as defined by Section 1-168.8.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a non-highway vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this State. If the operation of a non-highway vehicle is authorized under subsection (d), the non-highway vehicle may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. This subsection (b) does not prohibit a non-highway vehicle from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

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

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c-5), no person operating a non-highway vehicle shall make a direct crossing upon or across any highway under the jurisdiction of the State, tollroad, interstate highway, or controlled access

highway in this State.

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

(d) A municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government may authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the operation of non-highway vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction if the unit of local government determines that the public safety will not be jeopardized. The Department may authorize the operation of non-highway vehicles on the roadways under its jurisdiction if the Department determines that the public safety will not be jeopardized. The unit of local government or the Department may restrict the types of non-highway vehicles that are authorized to be used on its streets.

Before permitting the operation of non-highway vehicles on its roadways, a municipality, township, county, other unit of local government, or the Department must consider the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadway and determine whether non-highway vehicles may safely travel on or cross the roadway. Upon determining that non-highway vehicles may safely operate on a roadway and the adoption of an ordinance or resolution by a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government, or authorization by the Department,

appropriate signs shall be posted.

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

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

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

(g) Any person who operates a non-highway vehicle on a street, highway, or roadway shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under Article VI of Chapter 7 of this Code.

(h) It shall not be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a non-highway vehicle, as defined in paragraphs (1) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, on a county roadway or

township roadway for the purpose of conducting farming operations to and from the home, farm, farm buildings, and any adjacent or nearby farm land.

Non-highway vehicles, as used in this subsection (h), shall not be subject to subsections (e) and (g) of this Section. However, if the non-highway vehicle, as used in this Section, is not covered under a motor vehicle insurance policy pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section, the vehicle must be covered under a farm, home, or non-highway vehicle insurance policy issued with coverage amounts no less than the minimum amounts set for bodily injury or death and for destruction of property under Section 7-203 of this Code. Non-highway vehicles operated on a county or township roadway at any time between one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour after sunrise must be equipped with head lamps and tail lamps, and the head lamps and tail lamps must be lighted.

Non-highway vehicles, as used in this subsection (h), shall not make a direct crossing upon or across any tollroad, interstate highway, or controlled access highway in this State.

Non-highway vehicles, as used in this subsection (h), shall be allowed to cross a State highway, municipal street, county highway, or road district highway if the operator of the non-highway vehicle makes a direct crossing provided:

(1) the crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the street, road or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and

safe crossing;

(2) the non-highway vehicle is brought to a complete stop before attempting a crossing;

(3) the operator of the non-highway vehicle yields the right of way to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic which constitutes a hazard; and

(4) that when crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of the highway with another public street, road, or highway.

(i) No action taken by a unit of local government under this Section designates the operation of a non-highway vehicle as an intended or permitted use of property with respect to Section 3-102 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

(Source: P.A. 95-150, 8-14-07; 95-414, eff. 8-24-07; 95-575, eff. 8-31-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-279, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-1426.2)

Sec. 11-1426.2. Operation of low-speed vehicles on streets.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is lawful for any person to drive or operate a low-speed vehicle upon any street in this State where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less.

(b) Low-speed vehicles may cross a street at an intersection where the street being crossed has a posted speed

limit of not more than 45 miles per hour. Low-speed vehicles may not cross a street with a speed limit in excess of 45 miles per hour unless the crossing is at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or 4-way stop sign.

(c) The Department of Transportation or a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government may prohibit, by regulation, ordinance, or resolution, the operation of low-speed vehicles on streets under its jurisdiction where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less if the Department of Transportation or unit of local government determines that the public safety would be jeopardized.

(d) ~~Before prohibiting the operation of low-speed vehicles on a street, the Department of Transportation or unit of local government must consider the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the street and determine whether allowing low speed vehicles to operate on that street would jeopardize public safety.~~ Upon determining that low-speed vehicles may not safely operate on a street, and upon the adoption of an ordinance or resolution by a unit of local government, or regulation by the Department of Transportation, the operation of low-speed vehicles may be prohibited. The unit of local government or the Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles on any and all streets under its jurisdiction. Appropriate ~~appropriate~~ signs shall be posted in conformance with the State Manual on Uniform Traffic Control

Devices adopted pursuant to Section 11-301 of this Code.

(e) If a street is under the jurisdiction of more than one unit of local government, or under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation and one or more units of local government, low-speed vehicles may be operated on the street unless each unit of local government and the Department of Transportation agree and take action to prohibit such operation as provided in this Section.

(f) No low-speed vehicle may be operated on any street unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals. When operated on a street, a low-speed vehicle shall have its headlight and tail lamps lighted as required by Section 12-201 of this Code. The low-speed vehicle shall also have signs or decals permanently and conspicuously affixed to the rear of the vehicle and the dashboard of the vehicle stating "This Vehicle May Not Be Operated on Streets With Speed Limits in Excess of 30 m.p.h." The lettering of the sign or decal on the rear of the vehicle shall be not less than 2 inches in height. The lettering on the sign or decal on the dashboard shall be not less than one-half inch in height.

(g) A person may not operate a low-speed vehicle upon any

street in this State unless he or she has a valid driver's license issued in his or her name by the Secretary of State or a foreign jurisdiction.

(h) The operation of a low-speed vehicle upon any street is subject to the provisions of Chapter 11 of this Code concerning the Rules of the Road, and applicable local ordinances.

(i) Every owner of a low-speed vehicle is subject to the mandatory insurance requirements specified in Article VI of Chapter 7 of this Code.

(j) Any person engaged in the retail sale of low-speed vehicles are required to comply with the motor vehicle dealer licensing, registration, and bonding laws of this State, as specified in Sections 5-101 and 5-102 of this Code.

(k) No action taken by a unit of local government under this Section designates the operation of a low-speed vehicle as an intended or permitted use of property with respect to Section 3-102 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

(Source: P.A. 96-653, eff. 1-1-10.)

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