



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 219

SENATE BILL NO. 1337

By Bell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1271

By Forgety, Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, relative to the use of golf carts on certain highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-201, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)(1) This section shall only apply in municipalities having the following populations, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

not less than:	nor more than:
719	730
955	965
1,955	1,965
4,050	4,060
29,130	29,140

(2) Until January 1, 2014, the governing body of any municipality to which this section applies may authorize and regulate the operation of a golf cart on any public roadway within such municipality that is not a part of the county highway system or the state system of highways or the interstate and national defense highway system upon the governing body of such municipality adopting an ordinance by a two-thirds (2/3) vote specifying each roadway that is open for golf cart use.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-201(h), is amended by deleting the first and second sentences in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Each municipality participating in such pilot program shall submit a report to the department of safety, the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the transportation committee of the house of representatives no later than the fifth of each month after the governing body enacts the ordinance authorizing golf carts on certain roadways detailing the program in such municipality. In addition to such monthly report, each municipality participating in the pilot program shall submit a cumulative report to the transportation and safety committee of the senate and the transportation committee of the house of representatives no later than February 1 of each year, detailing the program in such municipality.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-201, is amended by deleting subsection (i) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new subsections (i) and (j):

(i)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance or any other law to the contrary, if any municipality fails to submit a total of three (3) monthly reports or a cumulative report as required by subsection (h), the department of safety shall revoke the municipality's authority under this section to allow golf cart use on public roadways designated in subsection (b). Revocation of authorization shall be made in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the chief law enforcement officer and the mayor of the municipality no less than twenty (20) days prior to the effective date of the revocation of authority.

(2) No municipality participating in the pilot program shall issue any permit, registration or sticker for the operation of any low speed vehicle or medium speed vehicle, as defined in § 55-8-101.

(j) This section shall terminate on July 1, 2015, unless reenacted or extended by the general assembly prior to such date.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 1337

PASSED: April 10, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR