



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 135

Introduced by: **Senator Herman Otten**

1 **An Act to revise provisions regarding the operation of golf carts on a state or county**
 2 **highway.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 32-14-15 be AMENDED:**

5 **32-14-15.** No person may operate a golf cart on a state or county highway except
 6 for crossing from one side of the highway to the other or driving on the shoulder of the
 7 highway or as close as reasonably possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway.

8 A golf cart may cross the highway at a right angle, but only after stopping and yielding
 9 the right-of-way to all approaching traffic and crossing as closely as possible to an
 10 intersection or approach. The operation of a golf cart on a state or county highway in a
 11 manner not permitted by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

12 **Section 2. That chapter 32-14 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

13 A golf cart must be insured and the person operating the golf cart must hold a valid
 14 driver's license. A golf cart operating on a state or county highway must display a slow-
 15 moving vehicle emblem in accordance with § 32-15-20 or a white or amber warning light
 16 in accordance § 32-17-46. A golf cart must also be equipped with lighted front and rear
 17 lamps pursuant to chapter 32-17.

18 **Section 3. That § 32-15-20 be AMENDED:**

19 **32-15-20.** All farm machinery, including ~~animal drawn~~ animal-drawn vehicles, golf
 20 carts, and highway construction and maintenance vehicles ~~which~~ that are designed for
 21 operation at a ~~rate of~~ speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less or ~~such vehicles when~~
 22 any vehicles operated at speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less, when operated on
 23 a public highway, ~~shall~~ must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem. ~~Said~~ The slow-moving

- 1 vehicle emblem ~~shall~~must be mounted on the rear of a slow-moving vehicle in ~~such a~~the
- 2 position and condition as to be clearly visible. A violation of this section is a petty offense.