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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

By: Representative Payton

By: Senator Flippo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION
OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS BY ORDINANCE;
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE THE
OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN COUNTY
ROADS BY ORDINANCE; TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-16-118. Operation of golf carts on county roads.

(a) A county may authorize by ordinance the operation of a golf cart on the roads of the county unless the road is a city street, a federal highway, or a state highway.

(b) Unless required by ordinance, a registration or license to operate a golf cart under this section is not required.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is currently illegal for golf carts to be operated on county roads; in order for golf carts to safely be operated on county roads, especially during the summer months when it is more common, the county needs time to develop regulations to protect the



public; and that this act is necessary because the effective date of acts passed during a regular session would come after the time frame in which counties could regulate the safety of golf carts on county roads for the summer. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on April 15, 2021.

APPROVED: 3/1/21