

**SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 10, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 20

By: Guthrie

An Act relating to utility vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1116, which relates to self-propelled or motor-driven and operated vehicles; updating statutory language; modifying statutory reference; prohibiting certain vehicles exceeding specific speed when operated on streets and highways; modifying location for operation of certain vehicles; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1116, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 11-1116. A. The self-propelled or motor-driven and operated vehicles described in this section shall be prohibited from operating or shall be limited in operation on the streets and highways of this state.

B. Self-propelled or motor-driven cycles, known and commonly referred to as "minibikes" and other similar trade names, shall be prohibited from operating on the streets and highways of this state, except:

1. When used in a parade; or

2. When registered, as required by subsection E of Section 1151 of this title, and operated in this state by food vendor services

1      upon streets having a speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or  
2      less.

3            All minibikes offered for sale in this state shall bear the  
4      following notice to the customer: "This machine is not manufactured  
5      or sold for operation on the public streets or highways. Since it  
6      is not provided with equipment required by law for street or highway  
7      use, all persons are cautioned that any operation of this vehicle  
8      upon a public street or highway will be in violation of the motor  
9      vehicle laws of this state and will subject the violator to arrest."

10         C. Golf carts and utility vehicles, as defined by Section 1102  
11      of this title, shall not be operated on the streets and highways of  
12      this state except:

13            1. Golf carts or utility vehicles owned by the Oklahoma Tourism  
14      and Recreation Department, and operated by employees or agents of  
15      the Department or employees of independent management companies  
16      working on behalf of the Department, may be operated on the streets  
17      and highways of this state during daylight hours or under rules  
18      developed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, when  
19      the streets and highways are located within the boundaries of a  
20      state park. The Department shall have warning signs placed at the  
21      entrance and other locations at those state parks allowing golf  
22      carts or utility vehicles to be operated on the streets and highways  
23      of this state located within the boundaries of those state parks.  
24      The warning signs shall state that golf carts and utility vehicles

1 may be operating on streets and highways and that motor vehicle  
2 operators shall take special precautions to be alert for the  
3 presence of golf carts or utility vehicles on the streets and  
4 highways;

5       2. The municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance  
6 governing the operation of golf carts and/or or utility vehicles on  
7 city streets; provided, such ordinances shall include necessary  
8 vehicle lighting and safety requirements;

9       3. Golf carts or utility vehicles may operate on state highways  
10 only if making a perpendicular crossing of a state highway located  
11 within the boundaries of a municipality which has adopted an  
12 ordinance governing the operation of golf carts ~~and/or~~ or utility  
13 vehicles;

14       4. The board of county commissioners of a county has approved  
15 the operation of golf cart ~~and/or~~ or utility vehicle traffic on  
16 roadways within the county, and:

- a. the roadway has a posted speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less,
  - b. the roadway is located in an unincorporated area, and
  - c. appropriate signage, cautioning motorists of the possibility of golf cart or utility vehicle traffic, is erected by the board of county commissioners; or

23       5. Street-legal utility vehicles that are registered as a motor  
24 vehicle pursuant to ~~subsection B of~~ Section 1-171.1 of this act

1      title may be operated on the streets and highways of this state.  
2      Provided, however, when traveling on U.S. highways, street-legal  
3      utility vehicles shall be restricted to those posted at fifty (50)  
4      miles per hour or less. Street-legal utility vehicles shall not be  
5      operated on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways  
6      ~~or U.S. highways.~~

7            D. All-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on the streets  
8      and highways of this state, except:

9                1. On unpaved roads which are located within the boundaries of  
10     any property of the Forest Service of the United States Department  
11     of Agriculture;

12                2. On highways if:

13                        a. the vehicle needs to make a direct crossing of the  
14     highway while the vehicle is traveling upon a  
15     regularly traveled trail and needs to continue travel  
16     from one area of the trail to another and, if the  
17     vehicle comes to a complete stop, yields the right-of-  
18     way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an  
19     immediate hazard, and crosses the highway at an angle  
20     of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction  
21     of the street or highway. This exception shall not  
22     apply to divided highways or highways with a posted  
23     speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per  
24     hour in the area of the crossing,

1           b. the vehicle needs to travel on a highway in order to  
2           cross a railroad track. In that event, the all-  
3           terrain vehicle may travel for not more than three  
4           hundred (300) feet on a highway to cross a railroad  
5           track,

6           c. the operator of the all-terrain vehicle making the  
7           crossing at a highway has a valid driver license, and  
8           d. the operator of the vehicle makes a crossing on a  
9           highway during daylight hours only;

10          3. On streets and highways within a municipality if the  
11        municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance governing the  
12        operation of golf carts, utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on  
13        streets and highways within the municipality; or

14          4. On roadways within unincorporated areas of a county if those  
15        roadways are not part of the state highway system or the National  
16        System of Interstate and Defense Highways; provided, however, that  
17        the driver is a licensed driver.

18          E. Mopeds, as defined by Section 1-133.2 of this title, may be  
19        operated on the streets and highways of this state if:

20           1. The municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance  
21        governing the operation of mopeds on city streets; provided, such  
22        ordinances shall include necessary vehicle lighting and safety  
23        requirements; or

1       2. The board of county commissioners of a county has approved  
2 the operation of mopeds on roadways within the county, not including  
3 roadways within a municipality.

4           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS AND TRANSPORTATION  
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