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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to the municipality of Excel in Monroe
14 County; to authorize the municipality to provide for the
15 operation of low-speed vehicles upon certain streets in the
16 municipality under limited circumstances and conditions.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. This act shall only apply to the
19 municipality of Excel in Monroe County.

20 Section 2. The municipal governing body of the
21 municipality of Excel, by ordinance, may authorize the
22 operation of low-speed vehicles upon the roads and streets of
23 the municipality under limited circumstances and conditions as
24 provided in this act.

25 Section 3. The municipality, by ordinance, may
26 determine the appropriate municipal roads and streets upon
27 which low-speed vehicles may be operated.

1 Section 4. A low-speed vehicle may only be operated
2 on any public roads or streets under all of the following
3 conditions:

4 (1) The vehicle may not be operated on a public road
5 or street by any person other than a licensed driver.

6 (2) The vehicle may be operated only during the
7 hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the municipality has
8 determined that a low-speed vehicle may be operated between
9 sunset and sunrise and the vehicle is equipped with
10 headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

11 (3) The vehicle shall be certified as meeting all
12 federal and state laws, rules, and regulations governing
13 safety, emissions, and antitheft standards, including the
14 safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. Section 571.500.

15 (4) The vehicle shall have a 17-digit vehicle
16 identification number which conforms to National Highway
17 Safety and Traffic Administration standards, the
18 manufacturer's statement of origin states that the vehicle
19 complies with the safety standards for a low-speed vehicle or
20 that the vehicle complies with 49 C.F.R. Section 571.500, and
21 the vehicle has affixed thereto a decal certifying that the
22 vehicle meets these safety standards.

23 (5) The vehicle shall have a current license plate
24 issued by the license plate issuing official.

25 Section 5. A low-speed vehicle may cross a part of a
26 state highway system only if both of the following conditions
27 are met:

1 (1) A low-speed vehicle may only cross a part of a
2 state highway that intersects a municipal street that has been
3 designated for use by low-speed vehicles.

4 (2) The state Department of Transportation has
5 reviewed and approved the location and design of the crossing
6 and any traffic control devices needed for safety purposes.

7 Section 6. For purposes of this act, a low-speed
8 vehicle is defined as a four-wheeled motor vehicle with a top
9 speed not greater than 25 miles per hour, which has a gross
10 vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds, and is
11 certified as complying with the safety standards of 49 C.F.R.
12 Section 571.500.

13 Section 7. The municipality may impose appropriate
14 penalties for any violation of this act pursuant to local
15 ordinance.

16 Section 8. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.