

Georgia state law on use of motorized vehicles on roadways



Under the new law, golf carts are allowed on roadways as long as the vehicles follow new regulations enacted by the Georgia Legislature in January 2012.

The regulations state that all golf carts must have the following equipment:

1. A BRAKING SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE WEIGHT AND PASSENGER CAPACITY OF THE VEHICLE, INCLUDING A PARKING BRAKE;
2. A REVERSE WARNING DEVICE FUNCTIONAL AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE DIRECTIONAL CONTROL IS IN REVERSE;
3. A MAIN POWER SWITCH. WHEN THE SWITCH IS IN THE “OFF” POSITION, OR THE KEY OR OTHER DEVICE THAT ACTIVATES THE SWITCH IS REMOVED, THE MOTIVE POWER CIRCUIT SHALL BE INOPERATIVE. IF THE SWITCH USES A KEY, IT SHALL BE REMOVABLE ONLY IN THE “OFF” POSITION;
4. HEAD AND TAIL LIGHTS, REFLEX REFLECTORS, SAFETY WARNING LABELS, HORN, AND REAR VIEW MIRROR;
5. HIP RESTRAINTS (EACH PASSENGER MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SEAT BELT) AND HAND HOLDS.

THE USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS IS STILL STRICTLY PROHIBITED.