

Council Substitute for House Bill No. 1003

An act relating to law enforcement vehicles; creating s. 316.21265, F.S.; authorizing law enforcement agencies to use specific off-road vehicles on the streets, roads, and highways of this state; providing requirements for such vehicles; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 316.21265, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.21265 Use of all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, low-speed vehicles, or utility vehicles by law enforcement agencies.—

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any law enforcement agency in this state may operate all-terrain vehicles as defined in s. 316.2074, golf carts as defined in s. 320.01(22), low-speed vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(42), or utility vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(43) on any street, road, or highway in this state while carrying out its official duties.

(2) Such vehicles must be clearly marked as vehicles of a law enforcement agency and may be equipped with special warning lights, signaling devices, or other equipment approved or authorized for use on law enforcement vehicles.

(3) The vehicle operator and passengers must wear safety gear, such as helmets, which is ordinarily required for use by operators or passengers on such vehicles.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor June 15, 2007.

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