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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the registration and operation of low-speed
2 vehicles on the highways of this state.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 36A, Code Supplement
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 36A. "Low-speed vehicle" means a motor vehicle
4 manufactured in compliance with or modified to meet the
5 national highway and traffic safety administration standards
6 for low-speed vehicles in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500. A low-speed
7 vehicle which that is in compliance with the equipment
8 requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500 shall be deemed to be in
9 compliance with all equipment requirements of this chapter.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.20, subsection 2, Code Supplement
11 2001, is amended to read as follows:

12 2. A description of the vehicle including, insofar as the
13 specified data may exist with respect to a given vehicle, the
14 make, model, type of body, the number of cylinders, the type
15 of motor fuel used, the serial number of the vehicle,
16 manufacturer's identification number, the engine or other
17 number of the vehicle and whether new or used and if a new
18 vehicle the date of sale by the manufacturer or dealer to the
19 person intending to operate such vehicle. If the vehicle is a
20 new low-speed vehicle, the manufacturer's or importer's
21 certificate required to accompany the application under
22 subsection 4 shall certify that the vehicle was manufactured
23 in compliance with the national highway and traffic safety
24 administration standards for low-speed vehicles in 49 C.F.R. §
25 571.500. If the vehicle has been modified to operate as a
26 low-speed vehicle, the application shall be accompanied by a
27 certification from the department that the vehicle meets the
28 national highway and traffic safety administration standards
29 for low-speed vehicles in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500, as prescribed
30 by rule of the department.

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EXPLANATION

32 This bill allows a motor vehicle that has been modified to
33 meet the national highway and traffic safety administration
34 standards for low-speed vehicles to be registered and operated
35 as a low-speed vehicle on the highways of this state.

1 Currently, a vehicle must be manufactured in compliance with
2 the national standards to be so registered and operated.

3 The bill requires that an application for registration of a
4 modified low-speed vehicle be accompanied by a certification
5 from the state department of transportation that the vehicle
6 meets the national highway and traffic safety administration
7 standards for low-speed vehicles. Currently, compliance with
8 the standards is shown by a certification on the
9 manufacturer's or importer's certificate required to accompany
10 the application for registration of a new low-speed vehicle.

11 Iowa law allows low-speed vehicles to be operated on public
12 streets with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or
13 less.

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