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Overview

This bill defines a "neighborhood electric vehicle" as a four-wheeled electric vehicle that has a top speed of between 20 and 25 miles per hour. It applies vehicle registration, registration tax, and title requirements to neighborhood electric vehicles. It makes them subject to traffic regulations, and allows their operation on public roads and highways that have a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less if federal equipment standards are met.

Section

- 1 Passenger automobile.** Includes a neighborhood electric vehicle as a passenger automobile in the vehicle registration chapter. Passenger automobiles must be registered and are subject to the registration tax.
- 2 Neighborhood electric vehicle.** Adds a definition of neighborhood electric vehicles to the vehicle registration chapter (referencing the definition in section 4).
- 3 Neighborhood electric vehicle; certificate required.** Requires that a neighborhood electric vehicle be titled in the same manner as with other vehicles. Prevents the registrar of motor vehicles from issuing a title the vehicle it does not have (1) a vehicle identification number, and (2) a manufacturers certificate of origin identifying it as a neighborhood electric vehicle.
- 4 Neighborhood electric vehicle.** Defines "neighborhood electric vehicle" as an electrically powered motor vehicle with four wheels and a maximum speed of between 20 and 25 miles per hour on a flat surface. Because it is defined as a motor vehicle, it is subject to the same traffic regulations as other vehicles.

Section

- 5** **Neighborhood electric vehicles.** Allows neighborhood electric vehicles to be operated only on public streets or highways that have a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, if the vehicle meets federal equipment standards (including headlamps, tail-lamps, brake lights, a seat belt, and a vehicle identification number). A road authority may further restrict its use on streets. A neighborhood electric vehicle may not be used to take a driver's licensing exam.