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An act relating to age and licensure requirements for operation of a golf cart; amending s. 316.212, F.S.; prohibiting a person from operating a golf cart on certain roadways unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or driver license; providing a penalty; amending s. 322.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 316.212, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) of that section is republished, to read:
- 316.212 Operation of golf carts on certain roadways.—The operation of a golf cart upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited except as provided herein:
- (7) A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by a any person:
- (a) Who is under 16 years of age unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license that is not suspended or revoked.
- (b) Who is 16 years of age or older unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver

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- (9) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(5) or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (8), or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (6), subsection (7), or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (8).
- Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 322.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 322.04 Persons exempt from obtaining driver license.-
- (1) The following persons are exempt from obtaining a driver license:
- (e) Any person operating a golf cart, as defined in s. 320.01, which is operated in accordance with the provisions of s. 316.212.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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