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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-140.11 new	
625 ILCS 5/1-146	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-146
625 ILCS 5/1-217	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-217
625 ILCS 5/11-1518 new	

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "low-speed electric scooter". Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card and unless he or she is 16 years of age or older. Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles is permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Provides requirements for lamps and reflectors for use at nighttime. Provides requirement for brakes. Prohibits the equipping or use of sirens, with the exception of scooters that are police vehicles or fire department vehicles. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1-146 and 1-217 and by adding Sections 1-140.11 and
6 11-1518 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-140.11 new)

8 Sec. 1-140.11. Low-speed electric scooter. A device
9 weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars,
10 and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, that is
11 solely powered by an electric motor and human power, and whose
12 maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved
13 level surface, is no more than 20 miles per hour. "Low-speed
14 electric scooter" does not include a moped, motor-driven cycle,
15 motor vehicle, or vehicle.

16 (625 ILCS 5/1-146) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-146)

17 Sec. 1-146. Motor vehicle. Every vehicle which is
18 self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric
19 power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated
20 upon rails, except for vehicles moved solely by human power,
21 motorized wheelchairs, low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed
22 electric scooters, and low-speed gas bicycles. For this Act,

1 motor vehicles are divided into two divisions:

2 First Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed for
3 the carrying of not more than 10 persons.

4 Second Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed
5 for carrying more than 10 persons, those motor vehicles
6 designed or used for living quarters, those motor vehicles
7 which are designed for pulling or carrying freight, cargo or
8 implements of husbandry, and those motor vehicles of the First
9 Division remodelled for use and used as motor vehicles of the
10 Second Division.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-125, eff. 1-1-10.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/1-217) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-217)

13 Sec. 1-217. Vehicle. Every device, in, upon or by which any
14 person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a
15 highway or requiring a certificate of title under Section
16 3-101(d) of this Code, except devices moved by human power,
17 low-speed electric scooters, devices used exclusively upon
18 stationary rails or tracks and snowmobiles as defined in the
19 Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act.

20 For the purposes of this Code, unless otherwise prescribed,
21 a device shall be considered to be a vehicle until such time it
22 either comes within the definition of a junk vehicle, as
23 defined under this Code, or a junking certificate is issued for
24 it.

25 For this Code, vehicles are divided into 2 divisions:

1 First Division: Those motor vehicles which are designed for
2 the carrying of not more than 10 persons.

3 Second Division: Those vehicles which are designed for
4 carrying more than 10 persons, those designed or used for
5 living quarters and those vehicles which are designed for
6 pulling or carrying property, freight or cargo, those motor
7 vehicles of the First Division remodelled for use and used as
8 motor vehicles of the Second Division, and those motor vehicles
9 of the First Division used and registered as school buses.
10 (Source: P.A. 92-812, eff. 8-21-02.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-1518 new)

12 Sec. 11-1518. Low-speed electric scooters.

13 (a) A person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where
14 the operation of bicycles is permitted, including, but not
15 limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all
16 of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties
17 applicable to the rider of a bicycle under this Chapter, except
18 as otherwise provided in this Section, and except for
19 provisions that by their nature can have no application,
20 including subsection (a) of Section 11-1503.

21 (b) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter
22 without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State
23 identification card.

24 (c) A person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter
25 unless he or she is 16 years of age or older.

1 (d) A low-speed electric scooter may be parked in the same
2 manner and at the same locations as a bicycle may be parked.

3 (e) Every low-speed electric scooter when in use at
4 nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits
5 a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to
6 the front and with a red reflector on the rear that is visible
7 from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when
8 directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor
9 vehicle, except that a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red
10 light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be
11 used in addition to or instead of the red reflector.

12 (f) A low-speed electric scooter shall not be equipped with
13 nor shall any person use upon a low-speed electric scooter any
14 siren. This subsection does not apply to a low-speed electric
15 scooter that is a police vehicle or fire department vehicle.

16 (g) Every low-speed electric scooter shall be equipped with
17 a brake that will adequately control movement of and stop and
18 hold the low-speed electric scooter.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.