

NOTICE OF NEW GEORGIA LAW REGARDING PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED A NEW LAW REGARDING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC ROADS. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012, ALL GOLF CARTS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

- 1. A BRAKING SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE WEIGHT AND PASSENGER CAPACITY OF THE VEHICLE, INCLUDING A PARKING BRAKE;**
- 2. A REVERSE WARNING DEVICE FUNCTIONAL AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE DIRECTIONAL CONTROL IS IN REVERSE;**
- 3. A MAIN POWER SWITCH. WHEN THE SWITCH IS IN THE "OFF" POSITION, OR THE KEY OR OTHER DEVICE THAT ACTIVATES THE SWITCH IS REMOVED, THE MOTIVE POWER CIRCUIT SHALL BE INOPERATIVE. IF THE SWITCH USES A KEY, IT SHALL BE REMOVABLE ONLY IN THE "OFF" POSITION;**
- 4. HEAD AND TAIL LIGHTS, REFLEX REFLECTORS, SAFETY WARNING LABELS, HORN, AND REAR VIEW MIRROR;**
- 5. HIP RESTRAINTS (EACH PASSENGER MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SEAT BELT) AND HAND HOLDS.**

THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JEKYLL ISLAND AUTHORITY, WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS STATE LAW WAS ENACTED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE WHO RIDE IN GOLF CARTS. FOR THAT REASON, THE STATE PATROL WILL BE VIGILANT THAT THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALL CHILDREN WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHILD SAFETY SEAT AND BOOSTER SEAT LAWS.

THIS LAW DOES NOT AFFECT THE USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS, WHICH IS STILL STRICTLY PROHIBITED.