

**HOUSE BILL NO. 403**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, Croft**

**Introduced: 1/27/06**

**Referred: State Affairs, Transportation**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to registration and operation of neighborhood electric vehicles."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 28.10.041 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (e) The department may not refuse to register a neighborhood electric vehicle  
5 as a passenger vehicle if that vehicle meets the safety and equipment requirements set  
6 for passenger vehicles by this state or meets federal motor vehicle safety standards for  
7 low-speed vehicles.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to read:

9 **Sec. 28.35.261. Operation of neighborhood electric vehicles.** (a) The  
10 operator of a neighborhood electric vehicle is subject to all the traffic and other laws  
11 applicable to operators of passenger vehicles.

12 (b) The operator of a neighborhood electric vehicle may not operate that  
13 vehicle on a highway that has a maximum speed of more than 35 miles an hour.  
14 Notwithstanding this subsection, the operator of a neighborhood electric vehicle may  
15 cross a highway that has a maximum speed limit of more than 35 miles an hour if the

1 crossing is made at the intersection with a highway that is authorized for neighborhood  
2 electric vehicles.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.40.100(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (27) "neighborhood electric vehicle" means an electric motor vehicle  
5 that has four wheels and an unladen weight of 1,800 pounds or less, that was  
6 manufactured to be capable of propelling itself and achieving a minimum speed of 20  
7 miles an hour and a maximum speed of 25 miles an hour, and that has not been  
8 modified to have a maximum speed greater than 25 miles an hour.