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NEW GOLF CART STATUTE

We love that families can use their golf carts on secondary roads in Georgetown County, but we want to make sure you're safe and informed.

The SC Legislature has added a new law within the golf cart statute, which states: "Each golf cart passenger who is under the age of twelve years old, when the cart is being operated on the public streets and highways of this State, must wear a fastened seat belt." This law was signed by the Governor and went into effect last week. There is a fine of \$25 if a state citation is issued. At the moment, deputies will be educating the public and letting them know about the new law when they see infractions.

A reminder of some of the longstanding golf cart laws that are in effect statewide:

- Operators of a golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- The golf cart must be insured, permitted, and registered with the DMV. The cost for registration and a permit is \$5 and must be renewed every five years.
- Golf carts can only be operated on secondary roads with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- Golf cart may only be operated within four miles of the driver's address.
- Open containers of alcohol on golf carts that are on roadways are illegal. If you are drinking and driving a golf cart, you can be issued a DUI.