


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Schwartz
 Rep. Jones

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect May 3, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows operation of low-speed electric vehicles on roadways at speeds up to 35 miles per hour. The vehicles may be operated on a state highway or cross a roadway having a speed of 40 miles per hour under certain conditions. The bill also amends existing law to raise the age limit for driving golf cars on streets from age 14 to 16.

Background

Under current law, a low-speed electric vehicle (LSEV) is defined as:

- primarily propelled by electricity;
- having at least three wheels in contact with the ground;
- not requiring handlebars for steering; and
- displaying a vehicle identification number pursuant to state law.

Under current law, LSEVs are permitted to operate on roads with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less, or on roads with speed limits greater than 35 miles per hour mph if crossing at grade with the road.

Local Government Impact

Due to a possible need for counties to publish new guidance or replace roadway signs, local government costs could increase. This amount is anticipated to be minimal and has not been estimated.

Departments Contacted

Governor's Office
Revenue

Local Affairs
Transportation

Public Safety