



HOUSE BILL 473: Modify Low-Speed Vehicle Definition.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 473 would expand the definition of low-speed vehicle to include a four-wheeled vehicle propelled by a gasoline engine. The current definition of low-speed vehicle is limited to electric vehicles.*

CURRENT LAW: A low-speed vehicle is a category of passenger vehicles that must be electric and have a top speed of greater than 20 miles per hour but less than 25 miles per hour. Generally, low-speed vehicles may be operated on roads with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less if they satisfy the requirements of G.S. 20-121.1. Low-speed vehicles are regulated by the NCDMV and subject to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, including a manufacturer issued VIN number.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 473 would expand the definition of low-speed vehicle to include a four-wheeled vehicle propelled by a gasoline engine that has a top speed of greater than 20 miles per hour but less than 25 miles per hour.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective October 1, 2023.

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