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Secretary of State Jesse White Issues Reminder of New Law on Low Speed Vehicles

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding owners of low speed vehicles that a new law effective January 1, 2010 will require such vehicles, if they are to be driven on the road, to be titled and registered with the Secretary of State's office.

Uniquely designed low speed vehicle license plates will contain the suffix LS on the plates. The cost to title a low speed vehicle is \$30.00. The registration cost is \$19.

Public Act 96-653 permits low speed vehicles to be driven on roads with posted speed limits of 30 miles per hour or less. Prior to this law, municipalities were required to enact a local ordinance allowing such low speed vehicles to travel on their local roads. The new law does allow municipalities to enact a local ordinance prohibiting low speed vehicles on their roads.

In order to be considered road worthy, low speed vehicles must be certified by the U.S. Department of Transportation. USDOT defines a low speed vehicle as: "Any 4-wheeled motor vehicle or a self-propelled gasoline powered 4-wheeled motor vehicle with an engine displacement under 1200cc which is capable of more than 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour and which conforms to federal regulations under title 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 571.500."

Low speed vehicle owners with questions may contact the Secretary of State's office by calling 800-252-8980.

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