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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the city council
9 of any Class 3 municipality by ordinance to
10 regulate the use of electric foot scooters as
11 defined in this bill within the corporate limits of
12 the municipality subject to the provisions of the
13 bill. The bill would also authorize the
14 municipality to provide penalties for violations.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to any Class 3 municipality; to authorize
21 the city council of any Class 3 municipality by ordinance to
22 regulate the use of electric foot scooters as defined in this
23 act within the corporate limits of the municipality subject to
24 the provisions of this act; and to authorize the municipality
25 to provide penalties for violations.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. This act shall only apply in a Class 3
2 municipality.

3 Section 2. For the purposes of this act, the term
4 electric foot scooter means any vehicle with not more than two
5 12-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is
6 designed to be stood upon by the user, and is powered by an
7 electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with
8 or without human propulsion at a speed not more than 20 miles
9 per hours on a paved level surface.

10 Section 3. Any Class 3 municipality, by ordinance,
11 may regulate the use of electric foot scooters within the
12 corporate limits of the municipality subject to the remaining
13 provisions of this act and may provide penalties for
14 violations enforceable in municipal court by citation from a
15 municipal law enforcement officer treated similarly to a
16 traffic citation.

17 Section 4. (a) Every person riding an electric foot
18 scooter shall be granted all of the rights and shall be
19 subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a
20 bicycle in Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975, except as to
21 specific provisions in this act and except as to those
22 provisions of Title 32 which by their nature can have no
23 application.

24 (b) Every electric foot scooter when in use at
25 nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which
26 shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least
27 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of

1 a type approved by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency
2 which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600
3 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams
4 of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light
5 visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in
6 addition to the red reflector.

7 (c) Every electric foot scooter shall be equipped
8 with a brake which will enable the operator to make the brake
9 wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

10 (d) An electric foot scooter may be parked on a
11 sidewalk in a manner not impeding the normal or reasonable
12 movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

13 (e) An electric foot scooter is not a motor vehicle
14 and is not subject to the provisions of Title 32, Code of
15 Alabama 1975, relating to insurance, license plates,
16 registration, operator's licenses, or certificates of title.

17 Section 5. This act shall become effective on the
18 first day of the third month following its passage and
19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.