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H.B. No. 806

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study regarding the placement of rumble strips on
3 highway shoulders.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. For purposes of this Act:

6 (1) "Department" means the Texas Department of
7 Transportation.

8 (2) "Highway" means a road, highway, farm-to-market
9 road, or street under the supervision of the state or a political
10 subdivision of the state.

11 (3) "Rumble strips" means any rough-textured or
12 slightly raised or depressed road surface intended to alert motor
13 vehicle operators through noise and vibration.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The department shall conduct a study that
15 identifies and assesses the optimal placement of rumble strips
16 along highway shoulders to permit use of the shoulders by farm
17 equipment in a manner that:

18 (1) does not impede the movement of traffic on the
19 highway; and

20 (2) maintains the functionality of the rumble strip
21 as a safety feature for motor vehicle operators.

22 (b) The department may collaborate with another state
23 agency or a research division of an institution of higher education
24 in this state to conduct the study.

1 (c) Not later than December 1, 2025, the department shall
2 prepare and submit to the legislature a written report containing
3 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or
4 other action.

5 SECTION 3. This Act expires January 1, 2027.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.