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H.J.R. No. 174

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment recognizing the right of a
2 person to purchase, to own, and to operate a motor vehicle that is
3 powered by an internal-combustion engine.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 36. (a) A person has the right to purchase, to own, and
8 to operate a motor vehicle that is powered by an
9 internal-combustion engine, subject to:

10 (1) laws or regulations relating to:

11 (A) who is authorized to operate a vehicle, a
12 type of vehicle, or a class of vehicles; or

13 (B) the mental or physical competency required to
14 operate a vehicle;

15 (2) laws or regulations that impose or are subject to a
16 criminal penalty; and

17 (3) restrictions on the use of a vehicle resulting
18 from the commission of a criminal offense or other violation of a
19 law or regulation.

20 (b) A law or regulation may not be enacted or adopted for the
21 purpose of abridging the right granted by this section. A law or
22 regulation enacted or adopted in violation of this subsection is
23 void and unenforceable.

24 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right
4 of a person to purchase, to own, and to operate a motor vehicle that
5 is powered by an internal-combustion engine."