

Amend **HB 2971** by adding a new Section ____ to read as follows:

SECTION ____ . The Transportation Code is amended by adding a new Subchapter D to Chapter 551 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Sec. 551.301. REGISTRATION. The department may adopt rules regarding the registration and issuance of license plates for vehicles subject to this subchapter.

Sec. 551.302. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a vehicle subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Standard 500 (49 C.F.R. Section 571.500).

Sec. 551.303. OPERATION ON ROADWAY. (a) A neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated only on a street or highway for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. The vehicle may cross a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

(b) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle on any street or highway if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(c) The department may prohibit the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle on a highway if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.