

Amend **CSHB 3588** by adding the following section to Article 12 of the bill and renumbering subsequent sections as follows:

SECTION _____. Chapter 551, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Sec. 551.301. DEFINITION. (a) In this subchapter, "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a vehicle subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 500 (49 CFR 571.500).

Sec. 551.302. 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 a 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.