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H.B. No. 719

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a  
3 public highway in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 551.404, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a-1) In addition to the operation authorized by Section  
9 551.403, the commissioners court of a county described by  
10 Subsection (a-2) [~~that borders or contains a portion of the~~  
11 ~~Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders~~  
12 ~~the Gulf of Mexico]~~ may allow an operator to operate a golf cart or  
13 utility vehicle on all or part of a public highway that:

14 (1) is located in the unincorporated area of the  
15 county; and

16 (2) has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per  
17 hour.

18 (a-2) Subsection (a-1) applies only to a county that:

19 (1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;

20 (2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe  
21 River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf  
22 of Mexico; or

23 (3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision  
24 (2) and:

1                   (A) has a population of less than 30,000; and  
2                   (B) contains a part of a barrier island that  
3 borders the Gulf of Mexico.

4                   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.