

1-1 By: Morrison (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 719
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
 1-3 April 17, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 14, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1;
 1-6 May 14, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10			X	
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 719 By: Uresti

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a
 1-22 public highway in certain counties; authorizing a fee.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 551.402, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 551.402. REGISTRATION NOT AUTHORIZED. (a) The Texas
 1-27 Department of Motor Vehicles [~~Transportation~~] may not register a
 1-28 golf cart for operation on a public highway regardless of whether
 1-29 any alteration has been made to the golf cart.

1-30 (b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles [~~department~~] may
 1-31 issue license plates for a golf cart [~~only~~] as authorized by
 1-32 Subsection (c) [Section 504.510].

1-33 (c) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall by rule
 1-34 establish a procedure to issue the license plates to be used for
 1-35 operation in accordance with Sections 551.403 and 551.404.

1-36 (d) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may charge a fee
 1-37 not to exceed \$10 for the cost of the license plate.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 551.404, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-39 by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as
 1-40 follows:

1-41 (a-1) In addition to the operation authorized by Section
 1-42 551.403, the commissioners court of a county described by
 1-43 Subsection (a-2) [that borders or contains a portion of the
 1-44 Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders
 1-45 the Gulf of Mexico] may allow an operator to operate a golf cart or
 1-46 utility vehicle on all or part of a public highway that:

1-47 (1) is located in the unincorporated area of the
 1-48 county; and

1-49 (2) has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per
 1-50 hour.

1-51 (a-2) Subsection (a-1) applies only to a county that:

1-52 (1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;

1-53 (2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe
 1-54 River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf
 1-55 of Mexico; or

1-56 (3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision
 1-57 (2) and:

1-58 (A) has a population of less than 30,000; and

1-59 (B) contains a part of a barrier island that
 1-60 borders the Gulf of Mexico.

2-1 SECTION 3. Section 504.510, Transportation Code, is
2-2 repealed.

2-3 SECTION 4. Not later than December 31, 2013, the Texas
2-4 Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish a procedure for the
2-5 issuance of license plates for golf carts to be used for operation
2-6 on a public highway, as required by Section 551.402(c),
2-7 Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

2-8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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