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H.B. No. 2742

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.402, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The department may issue license plates for a golf cart ~~[only]~~ as authorized by a procedure established under Subsection (c) [Section 504.510].

(c) The department shall by rule establish a procedure to issue license plates for a golf cart to be used for operation on a public highway.

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

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

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

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

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

4 (1) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe
5 River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf
6 of Mexico; or

7 (2) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision
8 (1) and:

9 (A) has a population of less than 30,000; and

10 (B) contains a part of a barrier island that
11 borders the Gulf of Mexico.

12 SECTION 3. Section 504.510, Transportation Code, is
13 repealed.

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

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