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H.B. No. 2742

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a
3 public highway.

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

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

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

11 (c) In addition to the license plates authorized under
12 Section 504.510, the department shall by rule establish a procedure
13 to issue license plates for a golf cart to be used for operation on a
14 public highway.

15 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 551.404, Transportation
16 Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 551.404. OPERATION AUTHORIZED BY ~~[IN]~~ MUNICIPALITIES
18 AND ~~[CERTAIN]~~ COUNTIES.

19 SECTION 3. Section 551.404(a-1), Transportation Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (a-1) In addition to the operation authorized by Section
22 551.403, the commissioners court of a county ~~[that borders or~~
23 ~~contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and contains a part of a~~
24 ~~barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico]~~ may allow an

1 operator to operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on all or part of
2 a public highway that:

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

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

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

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