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TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2742** by Phillips (Relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 551 of the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) by rule to establish a procedure to issue license plates for golf carts to be used for operation on a public highway. The bill would repeal Section 504.510, Transportation Code, which requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue specialty license plates for golf carts and establishes a fee of \$6 for issuance of the plates. The bill would authorize the commissioners court of Aransas County to allow the operation of a golf cart on a public highway under certain conditions. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

The DMV currently issues specialty license plates for golf carts for a fee of \$6 pursuant to Section 504.510, Transportation Code. The bill would repeal Section 504.510. For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed the DMV would continue to issue license plates for golf carts under a rule adopted by TxDOT. Since the bill does not authorize a fee to be established by rule for the issuance of golf cart license plates, it is assumed there would be no fee for the issuance of golf cart plates on or after the effective date of the bill. Based on the analysis provided by the DMV, it is assumed the bill would result in an insignificant revenue loss to the State Highway Fund due to the removal of the \$6 fee. It is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agencies' existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 601 Department of Transportation, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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