

House Bill 719
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HOUSE VERSION

No equivalent provision.

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

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

- (1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;
- (2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico; or
(3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and:
(A) has a population of less than 30,000; and
(B) contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

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

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 Section 504.510, Transportation Code, is repealed.

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

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

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