

By: Murphy

H.B. No. 936

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.301, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.301. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a vehicle used for recreational or commercial purposes that can attain a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour on a paved level surface and otherwise complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 500 (49 C.F.R. Section 571.500).

SECTION 2. Section 551.304(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An operator may operate a neighborhood electric vehicle:

(1) in a master planned community:

(A) that has in place a uniform set of restrictive covenants; and

(B) for which a county or municipality has approved a plat;

(2) on a public or private beach; or

(3) on a public highway for which the posted speed limit is not more than 35 miles per hour [~~, if the neighborhood electric vehicle is operated.~~]

1 ~~[(A) during the daytime; and~~
2 ~~[(B) not more than two miles from the location~~
3 ~~where the neighborhood electric vehicle is usually parked and for~~
4 ~~transportation to or from a golf course].~~

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.