

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the operation of a utility vehicle on a public highway  
3 in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 551,  
6 Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2017, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER F. GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES

9 SECTION 2. Sections 551.404(a-1) and (b), Transportation  
10 Code, as effective September 1, 2017, are amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 (a-1) In addition to the operation authorized by Section  
13 551.403, the commissioners court of a county described by  
14 Subsection (a-2) may allow an operator to operate a golf cart or  
15 utility vehicle on all or part of a public highway that:

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

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

20 (b) A golf cart or utility vehicle operated under this  
21 section must have the following equipment:

- 22 (1) headlamps;  
23 (2) taillamps;  
24 (3) reflectors;

1 (4) parking brake; and

2 (5) mirrors.

3 SECTION 3. Section 663.001(1-b), Transportation Code, as  
4 effective September 1, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

5 (1-b) "Off-highway vehicle" means [~~+~~]

6 [~~(A)~~] an all-terrain vehicle or recreational  
7 off-highway vehicle, as those terms are defined by Section 502.001  
8 [~~+~~ or

9 [~~(B)~~ a utility vehicle].

10 SECTION 4. Section 663.001(4), Transportation Code, as  
11 effective September 1, 2017, is repealed.

12 SECTION 5. Section 22(1), Chapter 1052 (H.B. 1956), Acts of  
13 the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, which repealed Section  
14 551.401(2), Transportation Code, is repealed.

15 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
20 legislative session.