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H.B. No. 2715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on  
3 shared motor-assisted scooters.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "motor-assisted  
6 scooter" has the meaning assigned by Section [551.351](#),  
7 Transportation Code.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The Texas Department of  
9 Transportation, in consultation with the Texas A&M Transportation  
10 Institute or other institutions of higher education, local  
11 governments, or industry representatives, shall conduct a study on  
12 the use of shared motor-assisted scooters.

13 (b) The study must examine:

14 (1) the legal definition and existing local regulation  
15 of shared motor-assisted scooters;

16 (2) the liability issues related to shared  
17 motor-assisted scooter use and accidents;

18 (3) the operation of shared motor-assisted scooters,  
19 including:

20 (A) safety standards;

21 (B) interaction with pedestrians;

22 (C) shared infrastructure; and

23 (D) operator qualifications;

24 (4) the economic impact of shared motor-assisted

1 scooters, including any burdens on or benefits to local  
2 governments;

3 (5) accessibility of shared motor-assisted scooters;

4 (6) shared motor-assisted scooters' impact on public  
5 transportation;

6 (7) the social norms of shared motor-assisted scooter  
7 use, including shared motor-assisted scooter etiquette; and

8 (8) how shared motor-assisted scooters have been and  
9 may be integrated into the overall transportation system.

10 (c) Not later than December 1, 2020, the Texas Department of  
11 Transportation shall submit to the legislature a report on the  
12 findings of the study conducted under this section.

13 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2021.

14 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
15 1, 2019.