

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1548** by Springer (relating to the operation of golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, and off-highway vehicles; authorizing fees.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by rule to establish a procedure to issue license plates for all-terrain vehicles (ATV), and recreational off-highway vehicles (OHV), and authorize DMV to charge a fee not to exceed \$10 to be deposited to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund (TxDMV Fund). The bill would authorize OHVs and golf carts to operate on a highway if authorized by a county or municipality, as specified by the bill, and would require the display of a license plate issued by DMV to do so. The bill would amend various provisions in the Transportation Code and other law regarding the definitions of these types of vehicles.

Based on the analysis provided by DMV, it is assumed there would be an insignificant revenue gain to the state and counties for the initial issuance of license plates with the payment of a one-time fee of up to \$10 and the standard processing and handling fee for the applicable vehicles under the provisions of the bill. DMV also reports that the bill would authorize the issuance of titles for utility vehicles, which are not currently titled. Based on the analysis provided by DMV, it is assumed the issuance of titles for utility vehicles would result in an insignificant revenue gain to the State and the counties.

Based on LBB's analysis of information provided by DMV, it is assumed any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**        405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation, 608  
   Department of Motor Vehicles

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