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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the placement of rumble strips on highway shoulders.

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

SECTION 1.  For purposes of this Act:

(1)  "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.

(2)  "Highway" means a road, highway, farm-to-market road, or street under the supervision of the state or a political subdivision of the state.

(3)  "Rumble strips" means any rough-textured or slightly raised or depressed road surface intended to alert motor vehicle operators through noise and vibration.

SECTION 2.  (a) The department shall conduct a study that identifies and assesses the optimal placement of rumble strips along highway shoulders to permit use of the shoulders by farm equipment in a manner that:

(1)  does not impede the movement of traffic on the highway; and

(2)  maintains the functionality of the rumble strip as a safety feature for motor vehicle operators.

(b)  The department may collaborate with another state agency or a research division of an institution of higher education in this state to conduct the study.

(c)  Not later than December 1, 2025, the department shall prepare and submit to the legislature a written report containing the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

SECTION 3.  This Act expires January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.