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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration, ownership, and operation of certain motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.143, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.143. OTHER VEHICLES. (a) An owner may not register the following vehicles for operation on a public highway:

(1) power sweepers;

(2) motorized mobility devices;

(3) electric personal assistive mobility devices;

~~[and]~~

(4) electric bicycles, as defined by Section 664.001;

and

(5) motor vehicles that are equipped with remote vehicle disabling technology.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(5), "remote vehicle disabling technology" means any application or device, including software, firmware, and hardware, that, when activated or engaged, allows a person to disable the operation of a motor vehicle. The term does not include an ignition interlock device as defined by Article 42A.408, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 542.502 to read as follows:

1        Sec. 542.502. MOTOR VEHICLE POWERED BY INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
2 ENGINE; OPERATION OF VEHICLE USING HUMAN DECISION-MAKING. A person  
3 may not be prohibited from owning a motor vehicle that is powered by  
4 an internal combustion engine or from operating that vehicle using  
5 human decision-making, regardless of any other law or regulation  
6 requiring a motor vehicle to be equipped with or operated using an  
7 automated driving system, as defined by Section [545.451](#).

8        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.