

By: Lujan

H.B. No. 5356

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 5356:

By: Bell of Montgomery

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate activities involving a horse-drawn carriage.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter [Z](#), Chapter [229](#), Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 229.902 to read as follows:

Sec. 229.902. AUTHORITY TO REGULATE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, regulation, or other measure that prohibits or limits a person from engaging in an activity involving a horse-drawn carriage, regardless of whether the activity is for a business, educational, or entertainment purpose.

(b) This section does not apply to an ordinance, regulation, or other measure that:

(1) was adopted before October 1, 2024;

(2) effects veterinary care, city inspections, or enforcement of state animal cruelty laws; or

(3) relates to the maximum or minimum temperature at which a person may engage in an activity involving a horse-drawn carriage.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.