

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 1816  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2025; March 13, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 March 27, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 27, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Nichols	X			
1-10	West	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-14	Johnson	X			
1-15	King	X			
1-16	Miles	X			
1-17	Perry	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1816 By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the titling, registration, and operation of a miniature  
1-22 vehicle.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
1-25 is amended by adding Section 501.009 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 501.009. TITLE FOR MINIATURE VEHICLE. (a) In this  
1-27 section, "miniature vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section  
1-28 502.001.

1-29 (b) For purposes of issuing a title under this chapter, a  
1-30 miniature vehicle is considered to be a motor vehicle.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-32 by adding Subdivision (21-a) to read as follows:

1-33 (21-a) "Miniature vehicle" means a miniature motor  
1-34 vehicle that:

1-35 (A) is designed to propel itself with four or  
1-36 more tires in contact with the ground;

1-37 (B) complies with applicable federal law; and

1-38 (C) is not a custom vehicle or street rod, as  
1-39 those terms are defined by Section 504.501, a neighborhood electric  
1-40 vehicle, as defined by Section 551.301, a golf cart, as defined by  
1-41 Section 551.401, or an off-highway vehicle, as defined by Section  
1-42 551A.001.

1-43 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
1-44 is amended by adding Section 502.006 to read as follows:

1-45 Sec. 502.006. REGISTRATION OF MINIATURE VEHICLE. For  
1-46 purposes of registering a vehicle under this chapter, a miniature  
1-47 vehicle is considered to be a motor vehicle.

1-48 SECTION 4. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,  
1-49 is amended by adding Section 545.429 to read as follows:

1-50 Sec. 545.429. OPERATION OF MINIATURE VEHICLE. (a) In this  
1-51 section, "miniature vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section  
1-52 502.001.

1-53 (b) A person may operate a miniature vehicle on a public  
1-54 highway only if:

1-55 (1) the vehicle has been registered and titled in  
1-56 accordance with the laws of this state; and

1-57 (2) the vehicle is capable of operating in compliance  
1-58 with applicable traffic laws in this title.

1-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

C.S.S.B. No. 1816  
2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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