

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 117

2019 Regular Session

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HIGHWAYS: Authorizes golf carts to cross certain Louisiana highways within the town of Church Point

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes a technical change.
2. Deletes the prohibition against golf carts carrying more than four passengers while crossing the highway and removes the requirement that the golf carts be equipped with seatbelts.
3. Removes the exception applicable to the Dept. of Transportation and Development's ability to restrict or prevent the operation of vehicles on a highway because of its substandard condition, deterioration, weather conditions, construction, traffic conditions, or public endangerment.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 95, La. Hwy. 35, La. Hwy. 1104, and La. Hwy. 178 on marked or designated paths or crossings within the town limits of Church Point between sunrise and sunset.

Proposed law requires that a valid driver's license, proof of liability insurance, a signed liability waiver, and a \$75 permit fee, accompanied by a utility terrain vehicle permit application, be submitted and approved annually prior to operating a golf cart while crossing La. Hwy. 95, La. Hwy. 35, La. Hwy. 1104, or La. Hwy. 178 in the town of Church Point.

Proposed law requires that signs, markers, or traffic control devices designating paths or crossings for golf carts be posted by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) or by the town of Church Point with prior approval from the DOTD.

Proposed law requires the town of Church Point to provide the costs for materials, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of any marker or traffic control device.

Proposed law provides the DOTD with rule making authority and requires the department report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works for review and approval of any prospective rules.

Proposed law excepts the provisions of proposed law from certain requirements contained in present law pertaining to inspection stickers and provisions related to the motor vehicle safety responsibility law.

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Specify that the town of Church Point is responsible for the costs for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of any marker or traffic control device.

3. Remove the requirement that the DOTD formulate guidelines to determine the placement of the golf cart crossings and signage reflecting such crossings, with the consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Church Point.
3. Provide the Dept. of Transportation and Development with rule making authority and require the department report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works for review and approval of any prospective rules.
4. Restrict golf carts authorized to cross La. Hwy. 95, La. Hwy. 35, La. Hwy. 1104, and La. Hwy. 178 from carrying more than four passengers while crossing the highway and require the golf carts be equipped with seatbelts.