
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 353

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

HIGHWAYS: Authorizes golf carts to cross certain Louisiana highways within the city of Westlake

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added authorization for the police chief in the city of Westlake to set hours for golf cart crossings.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Authorize golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 95, La. Hwy 35, La. Hwy 1104, and La. Hwy 178 in the town of Church Point.
2. Authorize golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 26 in the town of Lake Arthur;

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 378 at McKinley St. and at La. Highway 379 at Hilma St. and Gray St. on certain marked, designated paths, or crossings in the city of Westlake between sunrise and sunset.

Proposed law provides that a valid driver's license is a prerequisite for operating a golf cart when crossing La. Hwy. 378 and La. Hwy. 379.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to post crossing signs at the request of the governing authority of the city of Westlake. Further requires the DOTD, with the consultation and advice of the city governing authority, to formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs are to be placed.

Proposed law provides that certain provisions of present law relative to the safe operation of a

vehicle and vehicle inspection requirements are not applicable to proposed law. Additionally provides that golf carts shall not be considered a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" pursuant to present law.

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 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 requires the DOTD to promulgate rules and regulations to implement proposed law and further requires the DOTD to report to the Jt. Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works for review and approval of any prospective rules and regulations.

Proposed law excepts the provisions of proposed law from certain requirements contained in present law pertaining to inspection stickers, placement of traffic control signs, prohibitions against use of a road, and provisions related to the motor vehicle safety responsibility law.

Proposed law authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 26 on marked or designated paths or crossings within the town limits of Lake Arthur between sunrise and sunset.

Proposed law requires a valid driver's license when operating a golf cart while crossing La. Hwy. 26 in the town of Lake Arthur.

Proposed law allows crossing signs to be posted by the DOTD at the request of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur.

Proposed law requires the DOTD, with the consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur, to formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs are to be placed.

Proposed law excepts the provisions of proposed law from certain requirements contained in present law pertaining to inspection stickers, placement of traffic control signs, prohibitions against use of a road, and provisions related to the motor vehicle safety responsibility law.

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4, 127.5, 127.6)