

ACT No. 609

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:127.4, 127.5, and 127.6, relative to highway right-of-way crossings; to
3 authorize golf carts to cross Louisiana Highway 378 at McKinley Street and at
4 Louisiana Highway 379 at Hilma Street and Gray Street in the city of Westlake; to
5 require the Department of Transportation and Development to post crossing signs;
6 to provide for consultation between the department and the governing authority of
7 the city of Westlake regarding guidelines for placement of crossing signs; to restrict
8 the application of certain provisions of law; to authorize golf carts to cross Louisiana
9 Highway 95, Louisiana Highway 35, Louisiana Highway 1104, and Louisiana
10 Highway 178 in the town of Church Point; to establish requirements for receipt of
11 a utility terrain vehicle permit to cross certain highways in the town of Church Point;
12 to provide for the erection of signage, markers, or traffic control devices reflecting
13 such crossings; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide
14 for exceptions; to authorize golf carts to cross Louisiana Highway 26 in the town of
15 Lake Arthur; and to provide for related matters.

16 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
17 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
18 Louisiana.

19 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

20 Section 1. R.S. 32:127.4, 127.5, and 127.6 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §127.4. Golf cart crossings; city of Westlake

2 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, golf carts are
3 authorized to cross Louisiana Highway 378 at McKinley Street and at Highway 379
4 at Hilma Street and Gray Street on marked, designated paths, or crossings for such
5 vehicles within the city of Westlake between sunrise and sunset.

6 B. A valid driver's license shall be a prerequisite for operating a golf cart
7 when crossing Louisiana Highway 378 and Louisiana Highway 379 at the designated
8 crossings.

9 C. Crossing signs shall be posted by the Department of Transportation and
10 Development at the request of the governing authority of the city of Westlake.

11 D. The Department of Transportation and Development, with the
12 consultation and advice of the governing authority of the city of Westlake, shall
13 formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs shall be placed in
14 accordance with the provisions of this Section.

15 E. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 32:53(D), 235(C),
16 261, and Chapter 5 of this Title shall not apply, and golf carts shall not be considered
17 a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" as referenced in Part V of Chapter 1
18 of this Title.

19 §127.5. Golf carts; Church Point

20 A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon final approval of the
21 Department of Transportation and Development, golf carts shall be authorized to
22 cross Louisiana Highway 95, Louisiana Highway 35, Louisiana Highway 1104, and
23 Louisiana Highway 178 on marked or designated paths or crossings for such vehicles
24 within the town limits of Church Point between sunrise and sunset.

25 B. A copy of the applicant's valid driver's license and liability insurance, a
26 signed liability waiver, and a seventy-five dollar permit fee shall be submitted
27 annually with a utility terrain vehicle permit application as a prerequisite for
28 operating a golf cart when crossing Louisiana Highway 95, Louisiana Highway 35,
29 Louisiana Highway 1104, and Louisiana Highway 178 in the town of Church Point.

1 C. Signs, markers, or traffic control devices designating paths or crossings
2 for golf carts shall be posted by the Department of Transportation and Development
3 or by the town of Church Point with prior approval from the Department of
4 Transportation and Development. The costs for material, fabrication, mounting
5 posts, and installation of any sign, marker, or traffic control device shall be provided
6 by the town of Church Point.

7 D. The Department of Transportation and Development shall promulgate
8 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. The
9 department shall report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation,
10 Highways and Public Works for review and approval of any rules or regulations
11 promulgated by the department.

12 E. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 32:53(D) and
13 Chapter 5 of this Title shall not apply, and the provisions relative to equipment of
14 vehicles referenced in Part V of Chapter 1 of this Title shall not apply to golf carts.
15 §127.6. Golf carts; Lake Arthur

16 A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon final approval of the
17 Department of Transportation and Development, golf carts are authorized to cross
18 Louisiana Highway 26 on marked or designated paths or crossings for such vehicles
19 within the town limits of Lake Arthur between sunrise and sunset. The department
20 shall consult with the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur to determine
21 which intersection or intersections of Louisiana Highway 26 within the town limits
22 of Lake Arthur would provide the most convenient and safest location for golf cart
23 crossings.

24 B. A valid driver's license shall be a prerequisite for operating a golf cart
25 when crossing Louisiana Highway 26 in the town of Lake Arthur.

26 C. Crossing signs may be posted by the Department of Transportation and
27 Development at the request of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur.

28 D. The Department of Transportation and Development, with the
29 consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur, shall

1 formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs shall be placed in
2 accordance with the provisions of this Section.

3 E. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 32:53(D), 235(C),
4 261, and Chapter 5 of this Title shall not apply, and golf carts shall not be considered
5 a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" as referenced in Part V of Chapter 1
6 of this Title.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____