GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 353

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

DIGEST

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 or sunlight hours set by the chief of police.

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

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

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that certain provisions of <u>present law</u> relative to the safe operation of a vehicle and vehicle inspection requirements are not applicable to <u>proposed law</u>. Additionally provides that golf carts shall not be considered a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Municipal, Parochial</u> <u>and Cultural Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Make changes to certain street crossings.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the engrossed bill

- 1. Authorizes the chief of police to set hours of applicability for proposed law.
- 2. Makes technical changes.