

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 353****2024 Regular Session****Geymann**

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Add authorization for the police chief to set hours for golf cart crossings.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 or sunlight hours set by the police chief.

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 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.

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.

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4)