

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 117

2019 Regular Session

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

DIGEST

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.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Specifies 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. Removes 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. Provides 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. Restricts 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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill

1. Removes provisions that would have restricted 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 required the golf carts to be equipped with seatbelts.
2. Removes statutory references [R.S. 32:235(C) and 261] as not applicable.
3. Makes technical amendments.