

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 261

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:127.4, relative to highway right-of-way crossings; to authorize golf carts  
3 to cross Louisiana Highway 95, Louisiana Highway 35, Louisiana Highway 1104,  
4 and Louisiana Highway 178 in the town of Church Point; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 32:127.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §127.4. Golf carts; Church Point

12 A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon final approval of the  
13 Department of Transportation and Development, golf carts are authorized to cross  
14 Louisiana Highway 95, Louisiana Highway 35, Louisiana Highway 1104, and  
15 Louisiana Highway 178 on marked or designated paths or crossings for such vehicles  
16 within the town limits of Church Point between sunrise and sunset. The department  
17 shall consult with the governing authority of the town of Church Point to determine  
18 which intersection or intersections of Louisiana Highway 95, intersection or  
19 intersections of Louisiana Highway 35, intersection or intersections of Louisiana  
20 Highway 1104, and intersection or intersections of Louisiana Highway 178 within

1        the town limits of Church Point would provide the most convenient and safest  
2        location for golf cart crossings.

3                B. A valid driver's license shall be a prerequisite for operating a golf cart  
4        when crossing Louisiana Highway 95, Louisiana Highway 35, Louisiana Highway  
5        1104, and Louisiana Highway 178 in the town of Church Point.

6                C. Crossing signs may be posted by the Department of Transportation and  
7        Development at the request of the governing authority of the town of Church Point.

8                D. The Department of Transportation and Development, with the  
9        consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Church Point, shall  
10       formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs shall be placed in  
11       accordance with the provisions of this Section.

12               E. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 32:53(D), 235(C),  
13       261, and Chapter 5 of this Title shall not apply, and golf carts shall not be considered  
14       a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" as referenced in Part V of Chapter 1  
15       of this Title.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 95, La. Hwy. 35, La. Hwy. 1104, and La. Hwy. 178 within the town of Church Point.

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 a valid driver's license when 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 allows crossing signs to be posted by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) at the request of the governing authority of the town of Church Point.

Proposed law requires the DOTD, with the consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Church Point, 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 and provides that golf carts are not considered a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment".

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4)