

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

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

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 378 at McKinley Street and at Louisiana Highway 379  
4 at Hilma Street and Gray Street in the city of Westlake; to require the Department  
5 of Transportation and Development to post crossing signs; to provide for  
6 consultation between the department and the governing authority of the city of  
7 Westlake regarding guidelines for placement of crossing signs; to restrict the  
8 application of certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
11 Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

14 §127.4. Golf cart crossings; city of Westlake

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

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

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

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

10           E. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 32:53(D), 235(C),  
11           261, and Chapter 5 of this Title shall not apply, and golf carts shall not be considered  
12           a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" as referenced in Part V of Chapter 1  
13           of this Title.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 353 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 378 and La. Hwy. 379 at certain street locations in the city of Westlake.

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.

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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make changes to certain street crossings.