

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

TRANSPORTATION: Authorizes the use of golf carts to cross certain highways in the city limits of the town of Lake Arthur

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 26 in the town of Lake Arthur; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §127.4. Golf carts; Lake Arthur

11 A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon final approval of the  
12 Department of Transportation and Development, golf carts are authorized to cross  
13 Louisiana Highway 26 on marked or designated paths or crossings for such vehicles  
14 within the town limits of Lake Arthur between sunrise and sunset. The department  
15 shall consult with the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur to determine  
16 which intersection or intersections of Louisiana Highway 26 within the town limits  
17 of Lake Arthur would provide the most convenient and safest location for golf cart  
18 crossings.

19 B. A valid driver's license shall be a prerequisite for operating a golf cart  
20 when crossing Louisiana Highway 26 in the town of Lake Arthur.

1           C. Crossing signs may be posted by the Department of Transportation and  
2           Development at the request of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur.

3           D. The Department of Transportation and Development, with the  
4           consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur, shall  
5           formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs shall be placed in  
6           accordance with the provisions of this Section.

7           E. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 32:53(D), 235(C),  
8           261, and Chapter 5 of this Title shall not apply, and golf carts shall not be considered  
9           a vehicle for purposes of defining "equipment" as referenced in Part V of Chapter 1  
10          of this Title.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 26 within the town of Lake Arthur.

Proposed law authorizes golf carts to cross La. Hwy. 26 on marked or designated paths or crossings within the town limits of Lake Arthur between sunrise and sunset.

Proposed law requires a valid driver's license when operating a golf cart while crossing La. Hwy. 26 in the town of Lake Arthur.

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 Lake Arthur.

Proposed law requires the DOTD, with the consultation and advice of the governing authority of the town of Lake Arthur, to formulate guidelines to determine where such crossing signs are to be placed.

Proposed law exempts golf carts crossing La. Hwy. 26 within the town of Lake Arthur from the prohibition against driving without an inspection sticker and the prohibition against a local governmental subdivision placing a traffic control device on a state maintained highway. Also exempts such golf carts from the department's authority to prohibit certain vehicles from operating on a highway.

(Adds R.S. 32:127.4)