relating to an agreement between a county and the Department of Public Safety for the joint operation of certain fixed-site facilities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 621, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 621.411 to read as follows:

Sec. 621.411. JOINT OPERATION OF CERTAIN FIXED-SITE FACILITIES. A county and the Department of Public Safety may enter into an agreement for the joint operation of a fixed-site facility located within the boundaries of the county.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 877

H.B. No. 719

AN ACT
relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties; authorizing a fee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 551.402, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.402. REGISTRATION NOT AUTHORIZED. (a) The Texas Department of [Transportation] may not register a golf cart for operation on a public highway regardless of whether any alteration has been made to the golf cart.

(b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles [department] may issue license plates for a golf cart [only] as authorized by Subsection (c) [Section 504.510].

(c) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall by rule establish a procedure to issue the license plates to be used for operation in accordance with Sections 551.403 and 551.404.

(d) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may charge a fee not to exceed $10 for the cost of the license plate.

SECTION 2. Section 551.404, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) In addition to the operation authorized by Section 551.403, the commissioners court of a county described by Subsection (a-2) [that borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico] may allow an operator to operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on all or part of a public highway that:

(1) is located in the unincorporated area of the county; and
(2) has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour.

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) applies only to a county that:
(1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;
(2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico; or
(3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and: