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S.B. No. 1372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of an electric unicycle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (13-a) to read as follows:

(13-a) "Electric unicycle" has the meaning assigned by Section 541.201.

SECTION 2. Section 502.143, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.143. OTHER VEHICLES. An owner may not register the following vehicles for operation on a public highway:

- (1) power sweepers;
- (2) motorized mobility devices;
- (3) electric personal assistive mobility devices;
- ~~and~~
- (4) electric bicycles; and
- (5) electric unicycles.

SECTION 3. Section 541.201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (25) to read as follows:

(25) "Electric unicycle" means a one-wheeled device designed for transporting one person that is:

- (A) self-balancing; and
- (B) propelled by an electric propulsion system with an average power of 750 watts or one horsepower.

SECTION 4. Section 551.002, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.002. MOPED, ~~[AND]~~ ELECTRIC BICYCLE, AND ELECTRIC UNICYCLE INCLUDED. A provision of this subtitle applicable to a bicycle also applies to:

(1) a moped, other than a provision that by its nature cannot apply to a moped; ~~and~~

(2) an electric bicycle, other than a provision that by its nature cannot apply to an electric bicycle; and

(3) an electric unicycle, other than a provision that by its nature cannot apply to an electric unicycle.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.