

## Chapter 632

(House Bill 680)

AN ACT concerning

~~Vehicle Registration – Exception for All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles  
– Use in Public Service~~

Vehicle Laws – Unregistered Emergency Vehicles – Operating on Highways

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing, under certain circumstances, the operation of certain all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles in public service on highways without the vehicle being registered under the Maryland Vehicle Law; requiring a person operating an unregistered all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle on a highway to maintain certain evidence of liability insurance in the vehicle; prohibiting a person from operating an unregistered all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle on a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds a certain limit~~ providing that the Maryland Vehicle Law does not preclude a local authority from authorizing an unregistered emergency vehicle emergency vehicle not subject to registration to operate on a highway under its jurisdiction while performing an emergency service; and generally relating to the operation of unregistered all-terrain and utility terrain emergency vehicles not subject to registration in public service on highways in the State.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 13–402(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume)~~

~~BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 13–402(h–1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 25–102(a)(16) and (17)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 25–102(a)(18)

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Transportation**

~~13-402.~~

~~(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.~~

~~(2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is not registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:~~

~~(i) Public alley, street, or highway; or~~

~~(ii) Private property used by the public in general, including parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house developments.~~

~~(3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13-402.1 of this subtitle.~~

~~(b) Except as otherwise expressly authorized in this title, the Administration may not register or renew the registration of a vehicle unless the Administration has issued to the owner a certificate of title of the vehicle or has received an application for the certificate of title.~~

~~**(H-1) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ALL TERRAIN OR A UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY NEED NOT BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE IF THE VEHICLE IS:**~~

~~**(I) OWNED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY;**~~

~~**(II) OPERATED IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OR TRAINING BY AN OPERATOR APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY; AND**~~

~~**(III) EQUIPPED WITH FRONT AND REAR LIGHTING AND AN AUDIBLE HORN.**~~

~~(2) A PERSON:~~

~~(I) SHALL MAINTAIN EVIDENCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE IN AN ALL TERRAIN OR UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE BEING OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND~~

~~(H) MAY NOT OPERATE AN UNREGISTERED ALL TERRAIN OR UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON A HIGHWAY FOR WHICH THE POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT EXCEEDS 50 MILES PER HOUR.~~

25-102.

(a) The provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising the following powers as to highways under its jurisdiction:

(16) In Allegany County, designating crossings on county highways where a person operating a golf cart may cross the highway for continued access to any portion of a golf course; [and]

(17) Restricting use of a low speed vehicle on a highway; AND

(18) AUTHORIZING AN UNREGISTERED EMERGENCY VEHICLE NOT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION TO OPERATE ON A HIGHWAY WHILE PERFORMING AN EMERGENCY SERVICE AS DEFINED IN § 19-103 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.