

HOUSE BILL 882

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EMERGENCY BILL
ENROLLED BILL

(4lr2475)

— *Environmental Matters/Judicial Proceedings* —

Introduced by **Delegate Malone**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Low Speed Vehicles – Power Source**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the term “low speed vehicle” as it applies
4 to the Maryland Vehicle Law to mean a motor vehicle with a certain maximum
5 speed capability regardless of how the vehicle is powered; *making this Act an*
6 *emergency measure*; and generally relating to authorized power sources for low
7 speed vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 11–130.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Transportation
2 Section 13–939.2, 21–1125, and 25–102(a)(17)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Transportation**

8 11–130.1.

9 “Low speed vehicle” means a four–wheeled [electric] **MOTOR** vehicle that has a
10 maximum speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per
11 hour.

12 13–939.2.

13 (a) When registered with the Administration, every low speed vehicle is a
14 Class R (low speed) vehicle.

15 (b) For each Class R (low speed) vehicle, the annual registration fee is
16 \$35.00.

17 21–1125.

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a person may not drive a low
19 speed vehicle:

20 (1) On a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds
21 30 miles per hour;

22 (2) On an expressway or another controlled access highway that is
23 signed in accordance with § 21–313 of this title;

24 (3) On a highway on which driving a low speed vehicle is prohibited by
25 a county or municipal ordinance; or

26 (4) Across a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit
27 exceeds 45 miles per hour, except at an intersection that is controlled by:

28 (i) A traffic control signal; or

29 (ii) A stop sign at each approach to the intersection.

30 25–102.

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

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

5 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~
6 ~~October June 1, 2014.~~

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
8 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
9 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected
10 to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it
11 is enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.