

Chapter 281

(House Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – All-Terrain Vehicles – Access to Farms

FOR the purpose of authorizing a local authority to allow a person to cross a highway under its jurisdiction on an all-terrain vehicle at a right angle to access a farm or to move from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm; and generally relating to the use of an all-terrain vehicle to access a farm.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 25–102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

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:

- (1) Subject to the provisions of § 21–1003.1 of this article, regulating or prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles;
- (2) Regulating traffic by means of police officers or traffic control devices;
- (3) Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblies on highways;
- (4) Designating particular highways or separate roadways as one-way highways and requiring that all vehicles on them move in one specified direction;
- (5) Regulating the speed and weight of vehicles in public parks;
- (6) Designating any highway as a through highway or designating any intersection as a stop intersection or a yield intersection;
- (7) Restricting the use of highways as provided in Title 24 of this article;

(8) Regulating the operation of bicycles, requiring them to be registered, and imposing a registration fee;

(9) Regulating or prohibiting the turning of vehicles or specified types of vehicles at intersections;

(10) Altering speed limits as provided in Title 21, Subtitle 8 of this article;

(11) Regulating through truck traffic and prohibiting trucks from using any highway or alley that is not designated or maintained as a part or extension of the State or federal highway system, provided the local authority has designated an adequate alternate route for diverted truck traffic;

(12) Adopting any other traffic regulations as specifically authorized in the Maryland Vehicle Law;

(13) Regulating taxi stands, including taxi stands in the middle of a block;

(14) (i) Except in Garrett County, designating a certain portion of highways upon which snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of gaining access to snowmobile trails. However, only those highways which divide snowmobile trails and which would otherwise obstruct direct access between snowmobile trails may be so designated by the local authority; and

(ii) In Garrett County, permitting a person to cross a highway on a snowmobile at a right angle, and designating a certain portion of highways upon which snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of gaining access to snowmobile trails;

(15) Requiring a motorized minibike to be permitted by the local authority, and imposing a permit fee;

(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;

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

(18) Authorizing an emergency vehicle not subject to registration to operate on a highway while performing an emergency service as defined in § 19–103 of this article;
AND

(19) AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO CROSS A HIGHWAY ON AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO ACCESS A FARM OR TO MOVE FROM ONE PART OF A FARM TO ANOTHER PART OF THE SAME FARM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.