

HOUSE BILL 253

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By: **Delegate Otto**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – City of Crisfield**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield; providing that a
5 person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield may operate the
6 golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped
7 with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a
8 highway in the City of Crisfield to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible
9 and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the State Highway Administration,
10 in consultation with the City of Crisfield, to develop a location in the City of Crisfield
11 where a person operating a golf cart may cross over a certain highway; and generally
12 relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in
13 the City of Crisfield.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 13–402(a)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 13–402(c)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Transportation
3 Section 21–104.2
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Transportation**

9 13–402.

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

13 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

14 (1) A vehicle that is driven on a highway:

15 (i) In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to
16 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special mobile
17 equipment, or nonresidents; or

18 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
19 Administration;

20 (2) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an authorized
21 officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;

22 (3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

23 (4) A vehicle the front or rear wheels of which are lifted from the highway;

24 (5) A towed vehicle that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar and
25 for which no driver is necessary;

26 (6) A vehicle owned by and in the possession of a licensed dealer for purpose
27 of sale;

28 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days
29 of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the
30 resident's former domicile;

1 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13-626
2 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the
3 Administration;

4 (9) A vehicle operated in connection with maritime commerce exclusively
5 within any terminal owned or leased by the Maryland Port Administration;

6 (10) A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as prescribed
7 by § 25-102(a)(14) of this article;

8 (11) A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided that
9 the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if it is
10 operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

11 (12) **A GOLF CART THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF**
12 **CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-104.2 OF THIS**
13 **ARTICLE;**

14 (13) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
15 by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; or

16 [(13)] (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer
17 of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle
18 displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government.

19 **21-104.2.**

20 (A) **A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF**
21 **CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER**
22 **§ 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:**

23 (1) **MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:**

24 (I) **ON A HIGHWAY ~~ON~~:**

25 **1. THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A PART**
26 **OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND**

27 **2. ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES**
28 **NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR;**

29 (II) **BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND**

30 (III) **IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES**
31 **AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; ~~AND~~**

1 (2) SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE
2 ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

3 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

4 (B) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
5 CITY OF CRISFIELD, MAY DESIGNATE A LOCATION IN THE CITY OF CRISFIELD
6 WHERE A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART MAY CROSS, AT A RIGHT ANGLE, A
7 HIGHWAY THAT IS DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A PART OR AN EXTENSION OF
8 THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.