

SENATE BILL 309

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By: **Senator Mathias**

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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 generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for
10 golf carts in the City of Crisfield.

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

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

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation

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 Section 21–104.2
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Transportation**

7 13–402.

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

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

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

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

16 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
17 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13–626
30 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the
31 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **21-104.2.**

17 **A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF**
18 **CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER**
19 **§ 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:**

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

21 (I) **ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED**
22 **LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR;**

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

24 (III) **IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES**
25 **AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND**

26 (2) **SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE**
27 **ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE.**

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