

# SENATE BILL 94

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and**  
3 **Taylors Island**

4 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements  
5 under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island or  
6 Taylors Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on  
7 Upper or Middle Hoopers Island or Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on  
8 certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain  
9 lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper  
10 or Middle Hoopers Island or Taylors Island to keep as far to the right as feasible and  
11 possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County  
12 to designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart on Upper or Middle  
13 Hoopers Island or Taylors Island; and generally relating to an exception to motor  
14 vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island  
15 or Taylors Island.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article – Transportation  
18 Section 13–402(a)(1)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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22 Article – Transportation

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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.



1 Section 13–402(c)(12)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

4 BY adding to  
5 Article – Transportation  
6 Section 21–104.5  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Transportation**

12 13–402.

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

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

17 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21–104.2  
18 through [21–104.4] **21–104.5** of this article;

19 **21–104.5.**

20 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO  
21 OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY ON UPPER OR MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND  
22 OR TAYLORS ISLAND, DORCHESTER COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS  
23 AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13–402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:

24 (1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

25 (I) ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED  
26 LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR;

27 (II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

28 (III) IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES  
29 AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

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

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

2                   **(B) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE BY**  
3 **RESOLUTION THE HIGHWAYS ON UPPER OR MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND OR TAYLORS**  
4 **ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.