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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Allegany County - Golf Carts - Authorization to Cross County**
3 **Roads**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing operation of a golf cart in a certain manner on county
5 highways in Allegany County without the golf cart being registered under the
6 Maryland Vehicle Law; providing that the Maryland Vehicle Law does not
7 preclude the designation of crossings on county highways in Allegany County
8 where a person operating a golf cart may cross the highway for continued access
9 to any portion of a golf course; and generally relating to the operation of golf
10 carts across county roads in Allegany County in proximity of golf courses.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 13-402(a)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Transportation
18 Section 13-402(c) and 25-102(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Transportation**

2 13-402.

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

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

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

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

11 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
12 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 30
23 days of his residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the
24 jurisdiction of his former domicile;

25 (8) New vehicles displaying a shuttle permit issued by the
26 Administration;

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

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

31 (11) A golf cart which is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided
32 that the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration
33 if it is operated on a highway between dusk and dawn; [or]

1 (12) A GOLF CART WHICH IS OPERATED ON AN ALLEGANY COUNTY
2 HIGHWAY AS ALLOWED BY THE COUNTY UNDER § 25-102(A)(16) OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

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

6 25-102.

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

10 (1) Subject to the provisions of § 21-1003.1 of this article, regulating or
11 prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles;

12 (2) Regulating traffic by means of police officers or traffic control
13 devices;

14 (3) Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblies on highways;

15 (4) Designating particular highways or separate roadways as one-way
16 highways and requiring that all vehicles on them move in one specified direction;

17 (5) Regulating the speed and weight of vehicles in public parks;

18 (6) Designating any highway as a through highway or designating any
19 intersection as a stop intersection or a yield intersection;

20 (7) Restricting the use of highways as provided in Title 24 of this article;

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (14) (i) Except in Garrett County, designating a certain portion of
34 highways or roadways upon which snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of

1 gaining access to snowmobile trails which have been designated by the Department of
2 Natural Resources. However, only those highways and roadways which divide
3 snowmobile trails and which would otherwise obstruct direct access between
4 snowmobile trails may be so designated; and

5 (ii) In Garrett County, permitting a person to cross a highway or
6 roadway on a snowmobile at a right angle, and designating a certain portion of
7 highways or roadways upon which snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of
8 gaining access to snowmobile trails which have been designated by the Department of
9 Natural Resources; [and]

10 (15) Requiring a minibike, as defined in § 15-112(a) of this article, to be
11 registered, and imposing a registration fee; AND

12 (16) IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, DESIGNATING CROSSINGS ON COUNTY
13 HIGHWAYS WHERE A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART MAY CROSS THE HIGHWAY
14 FOR CONTINUED ACCESS TO ANY PORTION OF A GOLF COURSE.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 1999.