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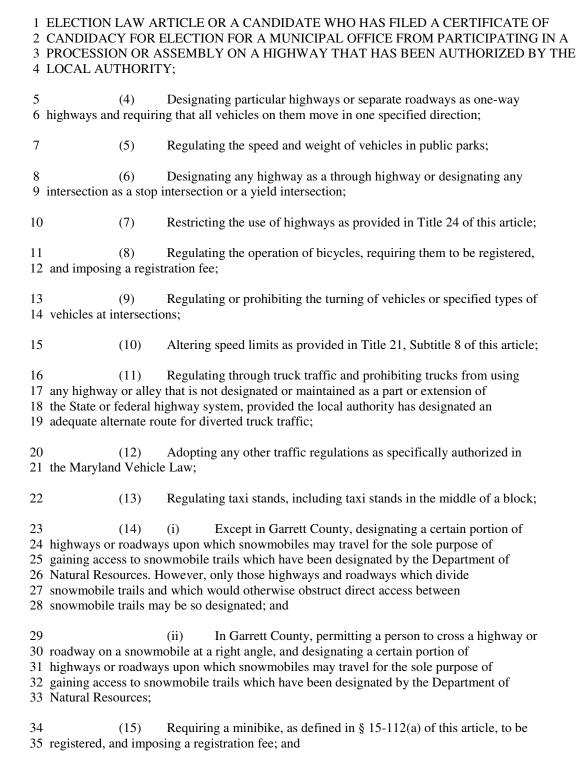
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| A BILL ENTITLED  |
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| AN ACT concerning  |
| Transportation - Processions or Assemblies on Highways - Participation by Candidates   |
| FOR the purpose of specifying that a local authority in the exercise of its police power to regulate processions and assemblies on highways may not prohibit certain candidates from participating in processions or assemblies on highways under the jurisdiction of the local authority under certain circumstances; and generally relating to participation by candidates in processions and assemblies on highways regulated by a local authority. |
| Section 25-102   |
| 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;   |
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Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblies on highways,

27 EXCEPT THAT A LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY NOT PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE WHO HAS 28 FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION UNDER § 5-302 OF THE



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- 1 (16) In Allegany County, designating crossings on county highways where 2 a person operating a golf cart may cross the highway for continued access to any 3 portion of a golf course.
- 4 (b) (1) Unless it first obtains written approval from the State Highway 5 Administration, a local authority may not place or maintain any stop sign or traffic 6 control signal that requires the traffic on any State highway to stop before entering or 7 crossing any intersecting highway.
- 8 (2) Unless it first obtains written permission from the State Highway 9 Administration, a local authority may not place or maintain lighting along or at an 10 intersection with a State highway.
- 11 (c) An ordinance or regulation adopted under items (4), (5), (6), (7), or (10) of 12 subsection (a) of this section is not effective until a traffic control device giving notice 13 of the local traffic regulations is placed on or at the entrances to the highway or its 14 affected part.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 16 October 1, 2005.