

SENATE BILL 606

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exemption for Golf Carts Operated on Highway**
3 **Shoulder**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting golf carts operated on the shoulder of certain highways
5 from registration requirements generally applicable to vehicles operated on
6 highways in the State; making technical corrections; and generally relating to
7 registration requirements for motor vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 13–402(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 13–402(c)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 13–402.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

6 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
7 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in §
21 13-626 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit
22 issued by the Administration;

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

25 (10) A snowmobile [which] **THAT** is operated on highways and
26 roadways as prescribed by § 25-102(a)(14) of this article;

27 (11) A golf cart [which] **THAT** is operated on a highway on Smith
28 Island, provided that the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the
29 Administration if it is operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

30 (12) **A GOLF CART THAT IS OPERATED ON THE SHOULDER OF A**
31 **HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 35**
32 **MILES PER HOUR;**

1 **(13)** A golf cart [which] **THAT** is operated on an Allegany County
2 highway as allowed by the county under § 25–102(a)(16) of this article; or

3 **[(13)] (14)** A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic
4 officer of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the
5 vehicle displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States
6 government.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2010.