

HOUSE BILL 680

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Registration – Exception for All-Terrain and Utility-Terrain Vehicles**
3 **– Use in Public Service**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, the operation of certain
5 all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles in public service on highways without
6 the vehicle being registered under the Maryland Vehicle Law; requiring a
7 person operating an unregistered all-terrain or utility-terrain vehicle on a
8 highway to maintain certain evidence of liability insurance in the vehicle;
9 prohibiting a person from operating an unregistered all-terrain or
10 utility-terrain vehicle on a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit
11 exceeds a certain limit; and generally relating to the operation of unregistered
12 all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles in public service on highways in the
13 State.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 13-402(a) and (b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 13-402(h-1)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

26 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-402.

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

5 (2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is
6 not registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:

7 (i) Public alley, street, or highway; or

8 (ii) Private property used by the public in general, including
9 parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house
10 developments.

11 (3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a
12 motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13-402.1 of this
13 subtitle.

14 (b) Except as otherwise expressly authorized in this title, the Administration
15 may not register or renew the registration of a vehicle unless the Administration has
16 issued to the owner a certificate of title of the vehicle or has received an application for
17 the certificate of title.

18 **(H-1) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN**
19 **ALL-TERRAIN OR A UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A**
20 **HIGHWAY NEED NOT BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE IF THE VEHICLE IS:**

21 **(I) OWNED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY**
22 **OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY;**

23 **(II) OPERATED IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OR**
24 **TRAINING BY AN OPERATOR APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR**
25 **PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY; AND**

26 **(III) EQUIPPED WITH FRONT AND REAR LIGHTING AND AN**
27 **AUDIBLE HORN.**

28 **(2) A PERSON:**

29 **(I) SHALL MAINTAIN EVIDENCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**
30 **IN AN ALL-TERRAIN OR UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE BEING OPERATED ON A**
31 **HIGHWAY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

1 **(II) MAY NOT OPERATE AN UNREGISTERED ALL-TERRAIN**
2 **OR UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON A HIGHWAY FOR**
3 **WHICH THE POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT EXCEEDS 50 MILES PER HOUR.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2013.