

Chapter 241

(House Bill 882)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Low Speed Vehicles – Power Source

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the term “low speed vehicle” as it applies to the Maryland Vehicle Law to mean a motor vehicle with a certain maximum speed capability regardless of how the vehicle is powered; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to authorized power sources for low speed vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–130.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–939.2, 21–1125, and 25–102(a)(17)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

11–130.1.

“Low speed vehicle” means a four-wheeled [electric] **MOTOR** vehicle that has a maximum speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour.

13–939.2.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every low speed vehicle is a Class R (low speed) vehicle.

(b) For each Class R (low speed) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$35.00.

21-1125.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a person may not drive a low speed vehicle:

- (1) On a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 30 miles per hour;
- (2) On an expressway or another controlled access highway that is signed in accordance with § 21-313 of this title;
- (3) On a highway on which driving a low speed vehicle is prohibited by a county or municipal ordinance; or
- (4) Across a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 45 miles per hour, except at an intersection that is controlled by:
 - (i) A traffic control signal; or
 - (ii) A stop sign at each approach to the intersection.

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:

- (17) Restricting use of a low speed vehicle on a highway; and

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October June 1, 2014.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.