

HOUSE BILL 330

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CF SB 215

By: **Delegates Mautz, Adams, and Anderton**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Town of Vienna**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts in the Town of Vienna; providing that a
5 person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the Town of Vienna may operate the
6 golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped
7 with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a
8 highway in the Town of Vienna to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible
9 and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the ~~State Highway Administration,~~
10 ~~in consultation with the appropriate local authority, to develop locations where a~~
11 ~~person operating a golf cart may cross certain highways~~ town government to
12 designate the highways on which a person may operate a golf cart in the Town of
13 Vienna; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to an exception
14 to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the Town of Vienna.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 13–402(a)(1)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 13–402(c) and ~~21–104.2~~ 21–104.3(a)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 21–104.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13–402.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

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

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

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

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

1 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13–626
 2 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the
 3 Administration;

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

6 (10) A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as prescribed
 7 by § 25–102(a)(14) of this article;

8 (11) A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided that
 9 the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if it is
 10 operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

11 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway ~~in the City of Crisfield,~~
 12 ~~Somerset County, OR THE TOWN OF VIENNA, DORCHESTER COUNTY,~~ in accordance
 13 with ~~§ 21–104.2~~ **§§ 21–104.2 THROUGH 21–104.4** of this article;

14 (13) ~~A golf cart that is operated on a county highway in the community of~~
 15 ~~Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County, in accordance with § 21–104.3 of this~~
 16 ~~article;~~

17 ~~(14)~~ (14) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
 18 by the county under § 25–102(a)(16) of this article; or

19 ~~(15)~~ (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer
 20 of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle
 21 displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government.

22 ~~21–104.2.~~

23 ~~(a) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN:~~

24 ~~(1) THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY; AND~~

25 ~~(2) THE TOWN OF VIENNA, DORCHESTER COUNTY.~~

26 ~~(B) A person who operates a golf cart on a highway [in the City of Crisfield,~~
 27 ~~Somerset County,] without registration as authorized under § 13–402(e)(12) of this article:~~

28 ~~(1) May operate the golf cart only:~~

29 ~~(i) On a highway:~~

30 ~~1. That is not designated or maintained as a part or an~~
 31 ~~extension of the State or federal highway system; and~~

1 DORCHESTER COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER §
2 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:

3 (1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

4 (I) ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED
5 LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR;

6 (II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

7 (III) IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES
8 AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

9 (2) SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE
10 ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

11 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

12 (B) THE TOWN GOVERNMENT MAY DESIGNATE THE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE
13 MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A
14 GOLF CART.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.