

HOUSE BILL 1771

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By: **Delegate Lisanti**

Introduced and read first time: February 23, 2018

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Low Speed Electric Vehicles – City**
3 **of Havre de Grace**

4 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
5 under certain circumstances for low speed electric vehicles in the City of Havre de
6 Grace; providing that a person who operates a low speed electric vehicle on a highway
7 in the City of Havre de Grace may operate the low speed electric vehicle only on
8 certain roads at certain times and only if the low speed electric vehicle is equipped
9 with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a low speed electric
10 vehicle on a highway in the City of Havre de Grace to keep as far to the right of the
11 roadway as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the State
12 Highway Administration, in consultation with the City of Havre de Grace, to develop
13 a location in the City of Havre de Grace where a person operating a low speed electric
14 vehicle may cross over a certain highway; defining a certain term; and generally
15 relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for low speed
16 electric vehicles in the City of Havre de Grace.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 11–101 and 13–402(a)(1)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – Transportation
24 Section 11–130.2 and 21–104.4
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
28 Article – Transportation

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 13–402(c)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Transportation**

7 11–101.

8 In the Maryland Vehicle Law, the following words have the meanings indicated,
9 unless the context requires otherwise.

10 **11–130.2.**

11 **“LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE” MEANS A VEHICLE THAT IS:**

12 **(1) CAPABLE OF CARRYING AT LEAST 10 PASSENGERS BUT NOT MORE**
13 **THAN 16 PASSENGERS;**

14 **(2) PROPELLED BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT DRAWS ELECTRICITY**
15 **FROM A BATTERY;**

16 **(3) CAPABLE OF A SUSTAINED SPEED OF 20 MILES PER HOUR; AND**

17 **(4) NOT CAPABLE OF EXCEEDING A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 25 MILES**
18 **PER HOUR.**

19 13–402.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in the City of Crisfield,
23 Somerset County, in accordance with § 21-104.2 of this article;

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

27 (14) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
28 by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; [or]

29 (15) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a
30 foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays
31 a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government; **OR**

32 **(16) A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A**
33 **HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE**

1 WITH § 21-104.4 OF THIS ARTICLE.

2 21-104.4.

3 (A) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE ON A
4 HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, WITHOUT
5 REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-402(C)(16) OF THIS ARTICLE:

6 (1) MAY OPERATE THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE ONLY:

7 (I) ON A HIGHWAY:

8 1. THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A PART
9 OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND

10 2. ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES
11 NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR;

12 (II) BETWEEN DUSK AND DAWN; AND

13 (III) IF THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH
14 LIGHTING DEVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

15 (2) SHALL KEEP THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE AS FAR TO THE
16 RIGHT OF THE ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

17 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE APPROPRIATE FOR
18 THE VEHICLE BEING OPERATED.

19 (B) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
20 CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MAY DESIGNATE A LOCATION IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE
21 GRACE AT WHICH A PERSON OPERATING A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE MAY
22 CROSS, AT A RIGHT ANGLE, A HIGHWAY THAT IS DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A
23 PART OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
25 1, 2018.